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VIRUS OUTBREAK

Introspective isolation

South Korea-based soldier who thought she was 'invincible' recovering from coronavirus

By KIM GAMEL
Stars and Stripes

CAMP HUMPHREYS, South Korea — Army Pfc. Victoria Tolley considers herself fortunate even though she has been largely isolated in a barracks room for six weeks after testing positive for the coronavirus.

Tolley, 23, who works on the computer help desk at Eighth Army headquarters on Camp Humphreys, was the second soldier to contract the virus on the divided peninsula.

But the Sitka, Alaska, native is more worried about friends at home as the U.S. economy has been hit hard by the pandemic.

"Everyone keeps asking if I'm OK and if I'm angry at the person who passed this on to me. I really don't have it bad, though," Tolley told Stars and Stripes in an exclusive inter-

view on Thursday.

"One of my best friends called me in tears because she had been laid off from her job because of this whole COVID thing," Tolley said. "It kind of gave me a new perspective."

Tolley was confirmed to have the virus on March 26, two days after an American contractor who worked in the same building tested positive. Another contractor at Eighth Army headquarters tested positive on March 27.

Military officials have said she probably got the virus from one of the other cases because of the timing and the fact that she had not been off base due to anti-coronavirus restrictions that include a ban on dining at local restaurants and bars.

Tolley, who was a contractor in Okinawa, Japan, before enlisting in the Army 13 months ago, said she understands.

"Who knows where that person contracted the virus," she said. "They just know that they ended up getting it, and shortly after I got it, as well as another contract worker in the same office."

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Get the latest on the virus outbreak
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Pfc. Victoria Tolley, an Eighth Army soldier who tested positive for the coronavirus in late March, is pictured inside the isolation facility at Camp Humphreys, South Korea, on Thursday.

Iranian navy friendly fire incident kills 19 amid US tension

By NASSER KARIMI and JON GAMBRELL
Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — A missile fired during an Iranian training exercise mistakenly struck a naval vessel instead of its intended target in waters near the strategic Strait of Hormuz, killing 19 sailors and

wounding 15 others, Iranian authorities said Monday.

The bungled training exercises took place on Sunday and raised new questions about the readiness of the Islamic Republic's armed forces amid heightened tensions with the U.S., just months after they accidentally shot down a Ukrainian jetliner

near Tehran, killing 176 passengers.

It also comes soon after a tense naval encounter between Iranian and U.S. forces in the nearby Persian Gulf.

President Donald Trump withdrew the U.S. from Tehran's nuclear deal with world powers two years ago, launching a maximum pressure campaign against Iran that

has pushed the archrivals to the verge of conflict repeatedly.

Analysts have warned regional tensions likely will increase again. This week also marks the one-year anniversary of attacks on oil tankers near the strait that the U.S. blamed on Iran.

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BUSINESS/WEATHER

Chinese investment in US at lowest level since 2009

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — China's direct investment in the United States fell last year to its lowest level since the Great Recession, even before the coronavirus pandemic shut down much of global commerce.

The decline in Beijing's investment in the United States reflected tensions between the world's two biggest economies and Chinese government restrictions on overseas investment.

A report out Monday from the

National Committee on U.S.-China Relations and the Rhodium Group consultancy found that China's direct investment in the U.S. dropped from \$5.4 billion in 2018 to \$5 billion last year, the lowest level since the recession year of 2009. Direct investment includes mergers, acquisitions and investments in things like offices and factories but not financial investments like purchases of stocks and bonds.

The report found that Chinese direct investment in the United

States virtually vanished — to \$200 million — from January-March this year as the coronavirus pandemic hammered the world economy

Two-way investment between the United States and China fell to a seven-year low, the report found.

U.S. regulators, worried that China will gain access to sensitive American technology, have been taking a harder look at Chinese investment in the United States, a shift mandated by a 2018 law.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates		Swiss (Franc) =	
Euro costs (May 12)	\$1.06		0.9711
Dollar buys (May 12)	49.00		32.17
British pound (May 12)	\$1.21		79.14
Japanese yen (May 12)	164.00		
Yen buys (May 12)	164.00		
Commercial rates		Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banks in the country of origin.	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3776		
Canada (Dollar)	1.3996		
China (Yuan)	6.9359		
Denmark (Krone)	6.8837		
Egypt (Pound)	15.7500		
France (Euro)	\$1.0387		
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7500		
Hungary (Forint)	200.48		
Israel (Shekel)	10.107		
Japan (Yen)	164.00		
Korea (Won)	109.62		
Norway (Krone)	10.2119		
Philippines (Peso)	50.34		
Poland (Zloty)	3.5750		
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7500		
Singapore (Dollar)	1.4154		
South Korea (Won)	109.62		

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Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	2.50
Federal funds market rate	0.14
3-month bill	0.11
3-month note	0.11

WEATHER OUTLOOK

TUESDAY IN THE MIDDLE EAST

**TUESDAY IN EUROPE****WEDNESDAY IN THE PACIFIC**

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MILITARY

German lawmakers examine double taxation

BY JOHN VANDIVER
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KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — Regional lawmakers in Germany are investigating why a finance office near Ramstein Air Base has stepped up efforts to collect income tax from American troops and military civilians, possibly breaching an international treaty that governs U.S. forces in the country.

Marlies Kohnle-Gros, a state parliamentarian in Rheinland-Pfalz, and fellow Christian Democratic Union lawmaker Marcus Klein are investigating whether there has been an official change in policy regarding how German tax offices treat U.S. personnel. They've also asked how many U.S. military members have been targeted for taxation and how much money has been seized over the past five years, they said in an interview last week.

The two lawmakers became aware of the issue after Stars and Stripes spotlighted attempts by German authorities to collect income tax despite the NATO Status of Forces Agreement, which, among other protections provided to members of the military, civilian employees and dependents stationed on orders in NATO partner countries, prevents them from being taxed in the host country and at home simultaneously.

As of late April, the Landstuhl-Kusel tax office, which covers Ramstein and is the focus of their probe, said nearly 400 Americans with connections to the military in the area faced hefty German tax bills.

The German lawmakers have requested information from the Kusel-Landstuhl tax office and expect a response later this month.

As an international treaty, the SOFA



MARCUS KLOECKNER/Stars and Stripes

Marlies Kohnle-Gros, left, and Marcus Klein of the German Christian Democratic Union political party have launched a probe into the taxation of Americans in Germany.

trumps German tax law, said Andreas Kindler, a spokesman for the Steuerberatung tax consultancy, which operates in the Ramstein area. The firm has received numerous calls in recent months from Americans targeted by German tax authorities, he said.

"German (regional) tax authorities are undermining the (SOFA) treaty," Kindler said.

Historically, the SOFA safeguarded U.S. personnel from double taxation, but in recent years some German tax offices have interpreted the treaty differently.

Some local tax officials have asserted that SOFA protections no longer apply if a person has "special ties" to Germany, such as being married to a German, extending military tours, owning property or sending a child to a German school.

Some Americans say they took none of those steps, yet still face tax bills upwards of nearly \$200,000, along with legal fights to avoid penalties. The situation has affected active-duty personnel, military civilians and contractors.

Most cases so far have been in the greater Kaiserslautern area, home to the largest

overseas U.S. military community, but attorneys and tax officials say the issue has also popped up elsewhere — from Wiesbaden and Heidelberg to Stuttgart, which is home to U.S. European Command.

U.S. Army Europe, which is in charge of SOFA matters for the military in Germany, has registered complaints with the German Foreign Ministry about the way some tax offices are interpreting the treaty. USAREUR said in April it is coordinating with the State Department to try to fix the situation.

USAREUR and U.S. Air Forces Europe are taking steps to make personnel more aware of the double taxation threat.

"There are regular measures in place to inform the force and special attention will be placed on this in the coming weeks and months, especially in the Landstuhl, Kusel area," Col. Joe Scrocco, USAREUR spokesman, said in a statement last month.

Regional tax officials have sought taxes dating back 10 years from Americans and pursued U.S. personnel after they had returned to the U.S., Kindler said.

Germany's highest tax court, based in Munich, may have to step in to resolve the row, he said. In addition, gray areas in the SOFA that have been seized upon by tax officials need to be eliminated, he said.

For instance, tax officials in Rheinland-Pfalz have argued that Americans need to show "a willingness to return home" if they want to preserve their tax-exempt status, Kindler noted.

But there is no legal definition or standard for "willingness to return home," he said, accusing tax clerks of making up the rules as they go along.

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Chairman fumes over DODEA's prolonged travel-expenses probe

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Allegations of wasteful spending on multiple trips to Hawaii by Department of Defense Education Activity personnel are at the heart of a drawn-out probe by a Senate oversight committee.

Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, chair of the Senate Finance Committee, has been looking into the accusations since receiving a whistleblower complaint in July 2018.

The complaint alleged that DODEA personnel hosted conferences in far-flung locations that cost far more than holding them at the agency's headquarters near Washington, D.C., or via teleconference.

The whistleblower was someone familiar with spending at DODEA, "according to a Grassley aide who declined to characterize the person any further."

Faced with the agency's stonewalling over requested information, Grassley made public a letter he sent to DODEA director Thomas Brady last month seeking "answers to a series of questions that staff investigators had posed to the agency nearly a year ago

that have gone without adequate response," according to a statement on the senator's website.

Grassley asked for, among other things, information about DODEA's total travel budget over the past two years; details on trips of 10 or more staffers; the purpose of a 10-day trip to Hawaii in the winter of 2018; meetings with Hawaii public school officials; the nature of "office calls" to U.S. Indo-Pacific Command during the winter trip, as well as a "school tour" with elements of U.S. Indo-Pacific Command's personnel directorate; and whether discussions were held to establish DODEA schools in Hawaii.

DODEA provided some information but has not "fulsomely responded to questions posed by Grassley's staff," the statement said. "My staff has been more than accommodating with DoDEA in patiently waiting for responses that, at some points, took months to produce," Grassley wrote in the letter. He set a deadline of April 24, which has since been extended to Friday.

In his letter to Brady, Grassley expressed disdain over a written response received in July from Virginia Penrod, principal

deputy in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, notifying the senator that the Defense Department "feels it has already provided fulsome information to adequately resolve these concerns."

"With all due respect to DoD," Grassley wrote in the April letter, "it is my congressional duty to conduct oversight over the Executive Branch, and thus, it is within my discretion to determine when I have been provided with sufficient information to conclude an investigation."

The Grassley aide, who requested anonymity, told Stars and Stripes that staffers were surprised by DOD's response.

"Typically, we don't let the executive branch tell us when we can conclude or can't conclude an investigation," the aide said. "So, if we felt that there were sufficient questions left unanswered, it's our prerogative that this investigation will remain open. That's why we felt compelled to make this letter, in particular, public."

DODEA is working at fulfilling the senator's request, agency spokesman Frank O'Gara told Stars and Stripes in an email last week. The Grassley aide said they



JACKIE PENNOTT/U.S. Army

Department of Defense Education Activity director Thomas Brady, right, helps open the new Pierce Terrace Elementary School for Fort Jackson, S.C., Feb. 12.

now expect to receive the information by the new deadline.

There are no DODEA schools in Hawaii. All public schools, including those on military installations, are part of the Hawaii Department of Education.

The education department receives "impact aid" from the federal government to offset the costs of military installations.

In addition, DODEA provides grants to Hawaii schools, such as a \$1 million grant in 2018 to fund certain curriculum at eight mili-

tary-impacted schools over a five-year period.

O'Gara noted in his email that on his Hawaii headquarters, Indo-Pacific Command "has oversight of about one-third of the military communities in which we have school operations around the globe. Much of the success we experience as a school system is due to the collaboration and cooperation we build with our military partners on a daily basis."

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Military sees drop in injuries from heatstroke

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The number of service members stricken with potentially fatal heat injuries declined last year for the first time in at least five years, but military health officials aren't taking any victory laps.

More than 2,000 troops were sickened by heat exhaustion last year, a Defense Health Agency report released last month stated. Some 507 were diagnosed with exertional heatstroke, which is life-threatening. That was down from 578 the year before.

"The numbers, unfortunately, are still high," Dr. Francis O'Connor, medical director of the Consortium for Health and Military Performance at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, said in a phone interview.

At least 17 service members in the last decade have died of heat injuries during training, according to Army data and news reports, despite the injuries being largely preventable and nearly always treatable.

The deaths are part of what military experts call the "tragedy loop."

When a service member dies from a heat injury, the tragedy brings renewed focus and effectiveness to prevention and treatment, and no one dies for a while, as O'Connor described it.

But as experienced leaders and trainers are reassigned and replaced, there's another death and the cycle continues.

"With 1 exception, all of the heat illness-related deaths at Fort Benning in the past 22 years have illustrated that the tragedy loop follows a 2- to 3-year time course," O'Connor and Maj. David DeGroot wrote in an editorial ac-

companying the annual report.

Fort Benning, Ga., has traditionally been the base with the most heat injuries. Since 2008, it's been the site of eight heat-injury deaths, either from heatstroke — when heat, humidity and exertion overwhelm and crash the body's thermoregulation system

or exercise-associated hyponatremia, a condition caused by drinking too much water, which dilutes sodium levels in the blood, leading to swelling throughout the body, including the brain.

That also made the base the logical site for the Army's "heat center" to research prevention and treatment, and reverse a trend in which reported heat injuries climbed nearly 60% from 2008 to 2018.

"It gives us unprecedented access to a heat-stressed population. We can't recreate heat injuries in a research lab," said DeGroot, director of the Fort Benning Heat Center.

Maj. Meghan Galer, an emergency room doctor at the base hospital, started the heat center after a lieutenant on his first week of training died of hyponatremia in 2016.

"She said this shouldn't be happening. We should be doing better," DeGroot said.

Last summer, the center received funding for a full-time staff and a joint, multidisciplinary advisory board.

One question researchers hope to answer is whether they can quantify and prioritize risk factors for heatstroke, which could, for example, explain why one soldier got heatstroke on a run when 50 others didn't.

Another effort will be to bring more scientific rigor to guidelines regarding when and how stricken troops should return to duty.

"I hesitate to call them an edu-



PATRICK A. ALBRIGHT/U.S. Army

Soldiers at Fort Benning, Ga., for infantry training use immersion troughs filled with ice and water to cool off in 2018. The troughs are just one of the measures used to help avoid heat injuries.



JAMEAN BERRY/U.S. Marine Corps

Marines perform a litter carry run during a physical training competition at Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti, in August 2015.

cated guess but they weren't evidence-based," DeGroot said.

The effort will also follow heatstroke victims throughout their military careers for the first time, DeGroot said.

DeGroot said the center's priority is preventing heatstroke deaths, with an emphasis on the initial response to a victim.

"The need to educate on that

never stops," he said. "It is simple: cool and call."

If a heatstroke victim's core temperature can be brought down quickly, starting either by immersion in a tub of cool water or with ice sheets, survival and recovery is near 100%, O'Connor and other health officials say.

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Afghanistan: Taliban raid left 6 soldiers dead, 5 hurt

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KABUL, Afghanistan — The Taliban attacked an Afghan army checkpoint in eastern Laghman province, killing six soldiers and wounding five, the government said Monday.

The insurgents claimed responsibility for the assault, which took place Sunday night, just days after the U.S. special envoy in new talks with the Taliban in Qatar reemphasized the need for a reduction in violence.

The statement from the Afghan Defense Ministry said the troops pushed back the attackers, adding that the Taliban also suffered casualties but without providing specific figures.

Last week, U.S. special envoy Zalmay Khalilzad met with Taliban representatives in Doha, the capital of the Gulf Arab state of Qatar, where the insurgents maintain a political office. He stressed the need for a cease-fire, and after Doha, Khalilzad also visited Islamabad and New Delhi to discuss the Afghan peace process with Pakistani and Indian officials.

On Monday, four bombs, one placed under a garbage bin and the other three by the roadside, went off in northern Kabul, wounding four civilians, including a child, Afghan officials said.

The roadside bombs were spaced within 10-20 yards of one another, said Kabul police spokesman Ferdawz Faramarz. The wounded child is a 12-year-old girl, he said, and added that the police are searching the area where the bombs struck.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the bombings and their targets remained unknown. Both the Taliban and Islamic State are active in Kabul and its surroundings and both frequently target the military and civilians.

Kabul has witnessed several low-scale attacks over the past seven days, including explosions from two hand grenades on Sunday night in the western part of Kabul. There were no casualties in that attack, according to Tariq Arian, the spokesman for the Interior Ministry.

Last Thursday, a rocket targeted a power station and two roadside bombs went off in different areas of Kabul, also causing no casualties. No one has claimed responsibility for those attacks.

On Saturday, a gunman opened fire on civilians in eastern Paktia province, killing three worshippers who were returning home after evening prayers, said provincial governor spokesman Abdullah Hasrat. There was no claim of responsibility and Hasrat said an investigation was underway.

Chinese ships chase Japanese boat in disputed water

By CHRISTIAN LOPEZ
AND AYA ICHIHASHI
Stars and Stripes

Chinese coast guard vessels lingered near the disputed Senkaku Islands over the weekend and chased a Japanese fishing boat, during China's longest incursion into those waters since 2016.

In all, four Chinese ships were reported near the East China Sea island chain for nearly two hours starting at 4 p.m. Friday. Two of the ships pursued the fishing boat before Japanese patrol boats warned them away, according to

the Japan Coast Guard website.

China also lays claim to the Senkakus, a small group of uninhabited rocky outcroppings between Taiwan and Okinawa that it calls the Diaoyu.

None of the ships were damaged and none of the three Japanese fishermen were hurt Friday, a spokesman for Japan's 11th Regional Coast Guard in Naha told Stars and Stripes on Monday.

"Regardless of the coronavirus, we continue our mission to protect the Senkaku Islands," the spokesman said. Some Japanese government officials speak

on a customary condition of anonymity.

China's coast guard stated on its official Weibo social media account Friday that a fleet of its vessels "patrolled the territorial waters around the Diaoyu Islands."

Saturday, two Chinese vessels were seen lingering near the same fishing boat, prompting the Japanese coast guard to remain nearby.

The Chinese vessels remained in the territorial waters Sunday, as well, marking the first time since 2016 that Chinese govern-

ment ships entered Japanese waters three days in a row, according to the Japan Times.

"Currently four Chinese maritime police ships are in the contiguous zone," the coast guard spokesman said.

Chinese ships have entered Japan's contiguous zone on a daily basis since April 14, the coast guard website said. These incursions include four trips in the country's territorial waters.

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VIRUS OUTBREAK

Balancing act

Countries trying to restart economies amid fears of a second wave of infections

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Associated Press

PARIS — Plastic spacing barriers and millions of masks appeared on the streets of Europe's newly reopened cities Monday, as France and Belgium emerged from lockdowns, the Netherlands sent children back to school and Spain let people eat outdoors.

All faced the delicate balance of trying to restart battered economies without causing a second wave of coronavirus infections. Fears of infection spikes in countries that eased their restrictions have been borne out over the past few days in Germany, where new clusters were linked to three slaughterhouses; in Wuhan, the Chinese city where the virus is believed to have started; and in South Korea, where one nightclub customer was linked to 85 new cases.

Health officials in the U.S. will be watching closely in the coming days for any resurgence of the virus two weeks after states began gradually reopening.

Authorities have warned that the scourge could come back with a vengeance without widespread testing and tracing of infected people's contacts, and efforts to assemble contact-tracing teams are underway in Europe and the U.S.

While some countries such as Germany have established robust tracing abilities, other countries are far behind. Britain abandoned an initial effort in mid-March when the virus's rapid spread made it impossible. Now it is recruiting 18,000 people to do the legwork of tracking contacts.

Britain and other countries are also developing contact-tracing cellphone apps that can show whether someone has crossed paths with an infected person.

In the hardest-hit corner of the U.S., contact tracers in New York began online training Monday. A May 15 goal for reopening parts of the state hinges on the ability to track the spread of the virus.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo set a requirement of 30 contact tracers per 100,000 residents for areas to reopen. That translates to about 6,000 workers statewide performing what he described as a daunting task. Cuomo said contact tracing is "a logistical nightmare, never been done before."

Contact tracing across the rest of the U.S. is a patchwork of approaches and readiness levels.

In loosening up the country's lockdown, German authorities have spelled out a specific level of infection that could lead to the reimposition of restrictions in local areas. Other countries — and U.S. states — have been vague about what would be enough to trigger another clampdown.

With Monday's partial reopening in France, crowds formed at some Paris metro stations, but the city's notorious traffic jams were absent. Only half the stores on the Champs-Élysées were open.

In South Korea, the government clamped down again, halting school reopenings planned for this week and reimposing restrictions on nightclubs and bars. It is trying to track down 5,500 patrons of a Seoul nightlife district through credit-card transactions, cellphone records and security footage.

In China, Shanghai Disneyland reopened but with limited visitors who had to wear face masks and have their temperatures checked.

Roughly half of Spain's 47 million people shifted into looser restrictions, beginning to socialize, shop in small stores and sit outdoors at restaurants. Its biggest cities, Madrid and Barcelona, remained under



SAM MCNEIL/AP

Visitors wearing face masks streamed into Shanghai Disneyland as China's most prominent theme park reopened Monday in a new step toward rolling back anti-coronavirus controls that shut down its economy.

lockdown.

Spanish hotels reopened with precautions — but also financially bleak prospects — because people aren't allowed to travel outside their provinces and few flights are from overseas.

"Unfortunately this year's business is lost already. It's going to be catastrophic," said Manuel Dominguez, manager at Seville's Dona Maria Hotel.

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson announced a modest easing of the country's lockdown but urged citizens not to squander the progress made. Some people, however, were confused as the government shifted its slogan from "Stay at Home" to "Stay Alert." Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland stuck with the old motto.

At the risk of more confusion, the British government did an about-face on masks Monday, telling people to cover their mouth and nose in stores and on buses and subways.

People in jobs that cannot be done at home "should be actively encouraged to go to work" this week, Johnson said. He also set a goal of June 1 to begin reopen-

ing schools and shops if Britain can control new infections. Johnson himself is the only world leader to suffer a serious bout of COVID-19.

In the U.S., Trump administration officials spoke optimistically about a relatively quick economic rebound from the pandemic — but then announced that Vice President Mike Pence is "self-isolating" after an aide tested positive.

The U.S. has seen 1.3 million confirmed infections and about 80,000 deaths, the most in the world by far, according to a tally by Johns Hopkins University. Worldwide, 4 million people have been reported infected and more than 280,000 have died, over 150,000 of them in Europe. Health experts believe all those numbers understate the true toll of the outbreak.

Dr. Christopher Murray, director of the University of Washington institute that has created a widely cited model projecting the course of the outbreak, said state reopening efforts will result in more cases and deaths, noting they are going up more than expected in Illinois, Arizona, Florida and California.

Singapore infections spike in foreign workers' dormitories

By EILEEN NG
Associated Press

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — Weeks after two of his roommates were diagnosed with COVID-19, Mohamed Arif Hasan says he's still waiting to be tested for the coronavirus. Quarantined in his room in a sprawling foreign workers' dormitory that has emerged as Singapore's biggest viral cluster, Arif says he isn't too worried because neither he nor his eight other roommates have any symptoms.

Still, the 28-year-old Bangladeshi construction worker couldn't be blamed if he were more than just a bit concerned.

Infections in Singapore, an affluent Southeast Asian city-state of fewer than 6 million people, have jumped more than a hundredfold in two months — from 226 in mid-March to more than 23,800, the most in Asia after China, India and Pakistan. Only 20 of the infections have resulted in deaths.

About 90% of Singapore's cases are linked to crowded foreign

workers' dormitories that were a blind spot in the government's crisis management. Arif's dorm complex, which has 14,000 beds, accounts for 11% of total infections, with over 2,500 cases.

This massive second wave of infection caught Singapore off guard and exposed the danger of overlooking marginalized groups during a health crisis. Despite warnings from human rights activists as early as February about the dorms' crowded and often unhygienic living conditions, no action was taken until cases spread rampantly last month.

Singapore's costly oversight was also an important lesson to other countries in the region with large migrant populations. Neighboring Malaysia recently announced mandatory coronavirus testing for its more than 2 million foreign workers after dozens were diagnosed with COVID 19.

The slip-up highlighted Singapore's treatment of its large population of low-wage foreign workers, who play an integral part in the economy but live on the

fringes in conditions where social distancing is impossible. The misjudgment was also an embarrassment for Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong's government ahead of a general election anticipated in the next few months that is expected to be the last for Lee, who has led Singapore since 2004 and is planning to retire soon.

Singapore's nanny state government, which won global praise for its meticulous contact tracing and testing in the early stages of the crisis, quickly moved to contain the problem by treating the flare-up in the dorms as a separate outbreak from that in the local community, a policy that some say is discriminatory.

The government shut schools and nonessential businesses island-wide on April 7. So-called "safe distancing ambassadors" were recruited to remind people to wear masks and stay at least a meter apart from each other in public places, or face heavy penalties.

Meanwhile, all construction sites and dorms were locked down

and foreign workers largely confined in their rooms. More than 10,000 foreign workers in essential services were moved to safer sites to reduce crowding, and testing was ramped up to include people with no symptoms.

Some 1.4 million foreign workers live in the city-state, accounting for 38% of its workforce. At least two thirds are low-wage, transient migrants from across Asia performing blue-collar jobs that locals shun, with many working in construction, shipping,

maintenance or as maids.

Since last month, the government's infection data has separated foreign workers' cases from those among the general population. Although cases continue to rise among foreign workers, they have declined in the local community. The government plans to gradually reopen the economy on Tuesday before island-wide restrictions end June 1, eager to show that it has remedied the situation and that the measures have worked.

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Germany garrisons OK off-post trips, not overnight stays

By JOHN VANDIVER
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STUTTGART, Germany — U.S. military personnel based in Stuttgart and Wiesbaden can use most off-post facilities open to the public even if such facilities aren't yet open on post, according to updated Army general orders.

The orders for the two garrisons replace previous limits on unofficial travel within Germany. Now, personnel assigned to Stuttgart and Wiesbaden can travel throughout Germany, so long as the journey doesn't require an overnight stay.

The orders for the two communities, which went into effect Friday, are similar and follow recent decisions by German authorities to loosen some coronavirus-related restrictions.

"Individuals in the Stuttgart Military Community must follow restrictions enacted by the host nation government. It is not a violation of (General Order 1B) to use facilities or services opened by the HN (host nation) government," the Stuttgart garrison said in a community announcement.

While the Wiesbaden order said personnel "may utilize any host

nation business or establishment that is lawfully operating in accordance with host nation rules" there are some exceptions.

Off-post child care services, off-post churches, playgrounds, and indoor seating areas of bars and restaurants remain prohibited for Wiesbaden personnel.

Sites that remain closed by law in the state of Hesse, such as nightclubs, massage parlors, tattoo shops and hookah lounges, also are off-limits.

In Germany, decisions on what can reopen are made at the state level, which means that U.S. military bases in the country have different restrictions and safety measures in place.

Different commands and services, sometimes in the same area, also have their own rules on movement.

The updated Stuttgart and Wiesbaden orders apply to all troops, family members and civilian personnel assigned to the respective garrisons.

That changes mean personnel in those communities can visit most off-post retail stores, bars and beauty salons.

On post at Stuttgart, shops have



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A view of Stuttgart from the city's public library. Service members based at the Stuttgart U.S. Army garrison and Wiesbaden garrison are now free to travel in Germany under eased coronavirus-related restrictions, but aren't allowed to go anywhere requiring an overnight stay.

gradually begun to open. Barber and beauty salons, upon passing health inspections this week, are expected to reopen Thursday by appointment only.

Reopenings on post generally will lag behind the local area,

garrison officials said.

"The garrison command and staff are actively reviewing potential reopening plans and dates for other services and will announce these when more information is available," the garrison said in a

statement. "These adjustments are possible only as a result of the vigilance and discipline of the members of Stuttgart military community members."

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Japan may lift emergency order in some regions

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TOKYO — The 3-week-old nationwide public health emergency imposed over the coronavirus pandemic may be lifted in some parts of the country as early as Thursday, according to Japanese government officials.

The emergency restrictions could be lifted in prefectures where new cases are falling, provided they meet certain conditions: a decline in new infections, a medical system that can treat patients in serious condition and a testing system capable of tracking and monitoring new cases. Economic Revitalization Minister Yasutoshi Nishimura told reporters Sunday, according to an official at the Novel Coronavirus Disease Control Headquarters.

The government is expected to make the decision after experts assesses the coronavirus on Thursday, the official said.

Japan on April 7 declared a state of emergency until May 6 for seven prefectures, including Tokyo, where the number of coronavirus cases was rising; it extended the emergency nationwide on April 16.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe on May 4 extended the emergency to May 31, saying the declining number of new cases had not fallen fast enough and that hospitals remain strained by the number of patients.



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A policeman keeps an eye on a roadway in Yokohama, Japan, on Monday.

The government may lift the state of emergency for most of 34 prefectures where the number of new cases is relatively low, the Mainichi newspaper reported Sunday. Many of those prefectures have not reported new cases in days. These include Okinawa prefecture — home to about half of all U.S. service members stationed in Japan — which as of Sunday had not reported a new infection in the past 10 days.

Nishimura said the state of emergency could also be lifted in some of the 13 prefectures that are under special caution: Tokyo, Kanagawa, Saitama, Chiba, Osaka, Hyogo, Fukuoka, Hokkaido, Ibaraki, Ishikawa, Gifu, Aichi and Kyoto.

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Top Navy leader in self-quarantine after family member tests positive

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WASHINGTON — The Navy's top military leader is in self-quarantine after coming into contact with a family member who has tested positive for the coronavirus, according to the Pentagon.

Adm. Mike Gilday, the chief of naval operations, was absent from a White House meeting Saturday that included members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Defense Secretary Mark Esper, and other national security leaders. A Pentagon spokesman confirmed Monday that Gilday is self-quarantining this week even though he has tested negative for the virus.

Gilday is working from home and that will not affect his ability to do his job, said Cmdr. Nathan Christensen, the spokesman for the chief of naval operations.

The White House last week confirmed positive cases among its staff members, including the military valet for President Donald Trump, and Vice President Mike Pence's press secretary, Katie Miller, who is married to Stephen Miller, a senior adviser to Trump.

Also absent from Saturday's White House meeting was Air Force Gen. Joseph Lengyel, chief of the National Guard Bureau, who is overseeing the more than 46,700 Guard troops deployed across the United States to fight coronavirus. On Saturday, Lengyel tested positive for the virus,

but tested negative later that same day, according to a Pentagon spokesman.

"He will undergo a third test on Monday morning to confirm his negative status," according to the spokesman. The results of that test have not yet been made public.

The news comes as a string of U.S. officials on the White House's coronavirus task force entered quarantine "because of exposure to a person at the White House who tested positive," according to a Sunday report by The Associated Press. These people include Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; Dr. Robert Redfield, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Dr. Stephen Hahn, commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration.

As of Monday, the Defense Department has had 8,046 cases of the coronavirus among its personnel.

The Navy has been the most impacted military service from the virus, with 2,162 cases and two warships that had outbreaks at sea: the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt and the destroyer USS Kidd.

The National Guard Bureau has had 1,037 cases of the virus as of Monday. The Navy and National Guard have each lost a service member due to the virus.

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Doctors keep uncovering new virus symptoms

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The Washington Post

Deborah Coughlin was neither short of breath nor coughing. In those first days after she contracted the coronavirus, her fever never spiked above 100 degrees. It was vomiting and diarrhea that brought her to a Hartford, Conn., emergency room on May 1.

"You would have thought it was a stomach virus," said her daughter Catherine Coleman. "She was talking and walking and completely coherent."

But even as Coughlin, 67, chatted with her daughters on her cellphone, the oxygen level in her blood dropped so low that most patients would be near death. She is on a ventilator and in critical condition at St. Francis Hospital, one more patient with an increasingly diverse constellation of symptoms physicians are racing to recognize, explain and treat.

"At the beginning, we didn't know what we were dealing with," said Valentin Fuster, chief physician at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City, the epicenter of the U.S. outbreak. "We were seeing patients dying in front of us. It was all of a sudden, you're in a different ballgame, and you don't know why."

Today, there is widespread recognition that the coronavirus is far more unpredictable than a simple respiratory virus, one with the potential to attack from the brain to the toes. Many doctors are focused on treating the inflammatory reactions it triggers

and its capacity to cause blood clots as they struggle to help their patients breathe.

Learning about a new disease on the fly, with more than 78,000 U.S. deaths attributed to the pandemic, they have little solid research to guide them, though the World Health Organization's database already lists more than 14,600 papers on COVID-19, the disease the coronavirus causes. Even the world's premier public health agencies, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, have constantly altered their advice to keep pace with new developments.

"We don't know why there are so many disease presentations," said Angela Rasmussen, a virologist at the Center for Infection and Immunity at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health. "Bottom line, this is just so new that there's a lot we don't know."

More than four months of clinical experience across Asia, Europe and North America has shown that the pathogen does much more than invade the lungs. "No one was expecting a disease that would not fit the pattern of pneumonia and respiratory illness," said David Reich, a cardiac anesthesiologist and president of Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City.

It attacks the heart, weakening its muscles and disrupting its critical rhythm. It saves kidneys so badly that some hospitals have run short of dialysis equipment. It crawls along the nervous system, destroying taste and smell and



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Wisconsin National Guard members administer COVID-19 tests in a parking lot Monday in Milwaukee.

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occasionally reaching the brain. It creates blood clots that can kill with sudden efficiency and inflames blood vessels throughout the body.

It can begin with a few symptoms or none at all, then days later, squeeze the air out of the lungs without warning. It picks on the elderly, people weakened by previous disease, and, disproportionately, the obese. It harms men more than women, but there are also signs that it complicates pregnancies.

Symptoms of COVID-19 appear to include:

- Strokes from blood clots, neurological issues;
- Pinkeye;
- Loss of smell and taste

(anosmia);

■ Unexpected blood clotting; damage to the lining of blood vessels;

■ Vomiting and diarrhea in some people;

■ Clogged and inflamed alveoli (air sacs), hampering breathing; pulmonary embolism from break-away blood clots, and microclots;

■ Weakened heart muscle; dangerous arrhythmias and heart attacks due to small clots;

■ Damage to structures that filter waste from blood;

■ "COVID toes," or fingers, a purple rash from the attack on blood vessels;

■ Widespread immune-system impact, including overactive immune response that attacks

healthy tissue.

It mostly spares the young. Until it doesn't. Last week, doctors warned of a rare inflammatory reaction with cardiac complications among children that may be connected to the virus. On Friday, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, a Democrat, announced that 73 children had fallen severely ill in the state and that a 5-year-old boy in New York City had become the first child to die of the syndrome. Two more children had died as of Saturday.

That news has shaken many doctors, who felt they were finally grasping the full dimensions of the disease in adults. "We were all thinking this is a disease that kills old people, not kids," Reich said.

Trying to define a pathogen in the midst of an ever-spreading epidemic is fraught with difficulties. Experts say it will be years until it is understood how the disease damages organs and how medications, genetics, diets, lifestyles and distancing affect its course.

Isolation: Infected soldier waits in quarantine for return to normal life

FROM FRONT PAGE

U.S. Forces Korea has reported 27 confirmed cases since an outbreak began in South Korea in late February, but only three were active-duty service members. The others were military dependents, contractors and other U.S. and South Korean civilian employees.

Tolley has been housed at a newly constructed barracks that was repurposed as an isolation facility with negative pressure rooms to accommodate coronavirus patients.

Lt. Heather Craige, a registered nurse with the 125th Medical Detachment, said each patient is assigned to a single suite, although families may be kept together if everybody is infected.

"Any serious cases go to the hospital, but the hospital only has so many negative-pressure isolation rooms," she said on Thursday.

With her long hair in a braid, Tolley wears a scrub cap and a surgical mask during the interview in a separate room at the barracks. Visitors donned protective clothing including gloves, hospital gowns, shoe coverings and plastic face shields.

Tolley, who arrived for her assignment in South Korea on Feb. 16, said she didn't take the coronavirus threat seriously until she was confirmed to have it.

She began to feel tired and slept a lot after she and others who had been in contact with the infected contractor were sent home as a precautionary measure.

Tolley said she called the medical coronavirus hotline, but was cleared to return to work.

"When I got to work my NCO was like 'you do not look good' and told me to call the hotline again and to go get tested at the clinic," she said.

She was placed in quarantine to await the results.

"I pretty much never get sick so maybe I had this false belief that I was sort of invincible to it," she said. "I'm still kind of in shock even though it's been six weeks."

She said her symptoms included fatigue, a cough, a sore throat, chills and shortness of breath. She also lost her appetite and sense of taste and smell.

"It felt like the flu and mono combined. The only symptom

I didn't have was, I never got a fever," she said.

The staff frequently checks her vitals, and she's tested for the coronavirus every 72 hours.

"The nurses here have been pretty amazing," she said. "I'm grateful for the people that are putting themselves at risk of exposure every day to care for me and the other patients."

She received her first negative results on Wednesday, but the next test came back positive, so she continues to wait.

USFK requires patients to have negative results from two coronavirus tests at least 24 hours apart, no symptoms for at least seven days, no fever without medication and clearance from a medical provider for release.

Tolley said she reads her Bible every day and tries to take advantage of the time for self-reflection. She's also allowed to go outside for limited periods to a roped-off area in the courtyard for fresh air.

"I feel blessed that, you know, I'm still getting paid. I've gotten six weeks off of work to do some emotional processing, to reflect back on life," she said.

What is she most looking forward to when she returns to normal life?

"It's really just simple things like going on a run or going to get some good coffee and just being around other people," she said. "You know, like things you take for granted every day."

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W-shaped recovery a concern if curbs lifted

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WASHINGTON — When the coronavirus erupted in the United States, it triggered quarantines, travel curbs and business shutdowns. Many economists predicted a V-shaped journey for the economy: A sharp drop, then a quick bounce-back as the virus faded and the economy regained health.

Others envisioned a slower, U-shaped course.

Now, as President Donald Trump and many Republicans press to reopen the economy, some experts see an ominous risk: That a too-hasty relaxation of social distancing could ignite a resurgence of COVID-19 cases by fall, sending the economy back into lockdown. The result: a W-shaped disaster in which a tentative recovery would sink back into a "double-dip" recession before rebounding eventually.

"The push to reopen the economy is making a W-shaped recovery very much more likely," said Jeffrey Frankel, professor of capital formation and growth at the Harvard Kennedy School.

In Frankel's view, any widespread reopening should wait for a sustained drop in death rates and the broad availability of tests. No one is completely safe until an effective treatment or vaccine can be produced and widely distributed — a scenario that's likely many months away.

Frankel said he also worries that the government might prematurely withdraw financial aid to the economy, thereby weakening the pillars of any tentative recovery.

"A W-shaped recovery is a dis-

trict possibility," said Yongseok Shin, an economist at Washington University in St. Louis and a research fellow at the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. "Unless the reopening is carefully managed with extensive testing and voluntary social distancing, infections will rapidly rise in many localities."

"People will then hunker down for fear of infection, and local governments will re-impose lockdowns, quashing any economic recovery we will have had to that point."

A double-dip recession would significantly heighten the risks for an already debilitated U.S. economy. Congress has provided roughly \$3 trillion in aid — by far its largest rescue ever — to help households and companies survive the next few months. That short-term aid, though, assumes any recovery will last. If a second downturn were to flare up, it's far from clear that Congress would be ready to offer trillions more to enable businesses to survive yet another round of months-long shutdowns.

Nor do many companies have the cash reserves to cushion against a second recession. And just as threatening, a double-dip downturn would sap the confidence of individuals and businesses that is essential to an economic bounce-back. If consumers don't trust that a recovery will last, many won't resume spending, and the economy would struggle to rebound.

Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell has urged caution in reopening the economy. Powell has warned against taking "too much risk of second and third waves" of the virus.



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Priscilla Daughtry, of Pretty P Styles, does a hair coloring on a client Monday in Clearwater, Fla. Some experts see a risk in the press to reopen the economy: that a too-hasty relaxation of social distancing could ignite a resurgence of COVID-19 cases by fall, sending the economy back into lockdown.

For now, the economy is essentially in free-fall. It shed a record 20.5 million jobs in April. The unemployment rate surged to 14.7%, the highest since the Great Depression. The gross domestic product — the broadest measure of output — shrank at a 4.8% annual rate from January through March and is expected to post an astounding 40% annual collapse in the current quarter. That would be, by far, the worst on record dating to 1947.

Facing a catastrophe in an election year, Trump and many Republican allies are eager to ease restrictions and restart the economy. They say the use of masks and other protections should allow many businesses to safely reopen under certain guidelines. Trump has openly backed protests that are intended to compel governors to "liberate" their states from lockdowns.

But most Americans say they're wary of trying to return to busi-

ness as normal now. A Pew Research Center survey found that 68% said they feared that state governments would lift restrictions too soon. Just 31% wanted restrictions lifted sooner.

"The idea that you just turn the spigot back on is just ridiculous," said Diane Swonk, chief economist at the consulting firm Grant Thornton. "It's still a COVID-tainted spigot. No one wants water from a poisoned well."

Poll: Majority disapprove of pro-reopening protests

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WASHINGTON — A majority of Americans disapprove of protests against restrictions aimed at preventing the spread of the coronavirus, according to a new poll that also finds the still-expansive support for such limits — including restaurant closures and stay-at-home orders — has dipped in recent weeks.

The new survey from the University of Chicago Divinity School and The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research finds 55% of Americans disapprove of the protests that have popped up in some states as some Americans begin chafing at public health measures that have decimated the global economy. Thirty-one percent approve of the demonstrations.

Texas hair salon owner Shelley Luther was sentenced to seven days in jail last week for refusing to apologize to a judge for opening her salon in defiance of

Republican Gov. Greg Abbott's emergency orders. She was released less than 48 hours after being removed from jail as a punishment for defying virus safeguards.

In Michigan, thousands of people rallied outside the state capital last month to protest Democratic Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's restrictions. Hundreds returned two weeks later, some of them armed, to demonstrate inside the statehouse.

Democrats are more likely than Republicans to disapprove of such protests, 67% to 51%. Thirty-two percent of Republicans and 25% of Democrats say they approve. Only 8% said public protests, marches and rallies should be unrestricted during the outbreak, while 41% think they should be allowed only with restrictions and 50% think they should not be allowed at all.

Dee Miner, 71, of Fremont, Calif., said she disapproves of the protests, but also feels people have the right to express themselves.

"We have to have the right

to protest, but I have to tell you, seeing those people with those weapons at the statehouse in Michigan was pretty disturbing," said Miner, a Democrat and retired dental office manager. "I felt sorry for the legislators having to work with that angry mob in the lobby. It seemed like it was just pure intimidation."

Adam Blann, 37, of Carson City, Nev., said he does not personally favor the protests, but does not believe they should be restricted.

"It's a tough situation," said Blann, a Republican-leaning voter who works in the natural gas industry. "But I also think that one of the reasons we live in a great country is that we have freedom of expression, freedom of speech, freedom to protest."

As some states have begun to slowly ease restrictions on businesses and individuals, the poll finds that 71% of Americans favor requiring people to stay in their homes except for essential errands. Support for such measures is down slightly from 80% two weeks earlier.

Similarly, 67% of Americans now say they favor requiring bars and restaurants to close, down from 76% in the earlier poll. The poll also suggested dipping support for requiring Americans to limit gatherings to 10 people or fewer (from 82% to 75%) and requiring postponement of nonessential medical care (from 68% to 57%).

Mark Roberts, a retired transportation worker in Abingdon, Va., said he's going about his business despite Democratic Gov. Ralph Northam's stay-at-home order. Roberts said people in his southwestern Virginia community are driving the short distance into neighboring Bristol, Tenn., to patronize restaurants open there.

"People from Virginia have been crossing over into Tennessee to eat and just get out, you know, and do things, and Virginia is losing out on it," said the 61-year-old Republican.

Among Republicans like Roberts, the share supporting stay-at-home orders dipped from 70% in late April to 57% in the latest poll.

The share supporting other measures also dropped, from 75% to 63% for limiting gatherings to no more than 10 people and from 79% to 53% for closing bars and restaurants.

Among Democrats, 84% favor stay-at-home orders, down slightly from 91% in the earlier poll. Eighty-seven percent of Democrats favor barring gatherings of more than 10 people, and 79% support bar and restaurant closures, about the same as in the previous poll.

Blann, the Nevada resident, said he didn't mind officials imposing certain restrictions for a short period of time, but fears the potential of authorities being unwilling to roll back some of their newly declared powers.

"I do think the government should respond to allowing people to make more of their own personal choices without legal repercussions," said Blann, who said he doesn't expect to find himself in a crowded bar anytime soon, but is looking forward to being able to go back to church.

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10 takeaways from US' worst-ever jobs report

By JOSH BOAK
Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Brutal. Horrific. Tragic.

Choose your description. The April jobs report showed, in harrowing detail, just how terribly the coronavirus outbreak has pummeled the U.S. economy. Most obviously, there's the 14.7% unemployment rate, the highest since the Great Depression. And the shedding of more than 20 million jobs, by far the worst one-month loss ever.

But Friday's jobs report from the government contains 42 pages about just how far the job market has tumbled, along with hints of what to watch for — eventually — in a possible recovery. Here are 10 major takeaways:

Even worse than it looks. Really: The unemployment rate is catastrophically bad. Based on backdated estimates, the rate hasn't been higher since 1939. But the scary thing is that the April figure actually downplayed how bleak things are.

Heidi Shierholz, the former chief economist for the Labor Department, noted that 6.4 million people who were out of work in April didn't look for a job and so weren't even counted as un-

employed. Include them and the unemployment rate jumps to roughly 19%, she tweeted.

An additional 7.5 million workers appear to have been mistakenly classified as "employed, not at work" when they were actually jobless last month and should have been counted as unemployed, said Shierholz, who now works at the liberal Economic Policy Institute. Add them into the mix and the unemployment rate screeches up to 23.6% — not far below the all-time unemployment peak of roughly 25% from 1933.

Workers still hopeful: Of the roughly 20.6 million people who lost jobs in April, roughly three-fourths described their unemployment, perhaps optimistically, as "temporary." This means that more than 18 million Americans expect to return to their workplaces soon. Even if they all regained their jobs quickly — something almost no one expects — the unemployment rate would likely dip below 10% but still remain high.

Most economic forecasts expect any rebound to be much slower than the collapse.

EPOP? What's that?: Before the viral outbreak, about 60% of all U.S. adults — everyone from students to working-age people to retirees — were employed. This

figure is the "employment-to-population ratio," or EPOP.

The EPOP sank in April to 51.3%, its lowest level on record. For African Americans and people with only high school diplomas, it dropped below 50%. This figure might be more instructive in some ways than the unemployment rate, which reflects whether people who are out of a job are looking for a new one. The EPOP simply measures the proportion of adults who are working.

Bleak times for immigrants: Perhaps no group has suffered as dramatic a reversal of fortune as foreign-born workers. Their unemployment rate was 2.7% a year ago, even lower than the rate for native-born Americans. But it jumped to 16.5% in April as 5.7 million immigrants lost jobs compared with a year ago.

The main reason is that immigrants work disproportionately in occupations that have been especially devastated by the viral outbreak — from hotels and restaurant work to cleaning services and construction. These job losses matter for the recovery, because immigrants, who are critical to those industries, might move elsewhere if tighter restrictions are imposed on their work visas.

College pays off: College grad-

uates were far more likely to keep their jobs in April. Their unemployment rate was 8.4%, significantly lower than the national average of 14.7%. People with college and advanced degrees entered the recession with a big advantage: They held jobs that made it easier to work from home.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that 41.7% of people with an advanced degree worked from home on an average day in 2018. And slightly more than a third of people with a college degree did so. But just 11.9% of high school graduates worked from home.

We're working less: The index of total hours worked has collapsed 15% from a year ago. This cuts to the heart of how an economy grows: Economies expand only if more people are working or if the people who are working become more productive.

Fewer people holding multiple jobs: Over the past two months, 2.6 million people have lost their second or third jobs. These people are still counted as employed, but they've lost a chunk of income.

Nearly 1.2 million disabled Americans lost jobs: African Americans, Latinos and high school graduates were each more likely to suffer job losses than the national average. But people with

disabilities also faced harsh challenges in April. Nearly 1.2 million of them lost jobs, and their unemployment rate reached 18.9%. These losses were a reversal of the gains disabled workers had been making in recent months.

Consumers retreating: No sector suffered as severe a decline as retail and leisure and hospitality. The job losses there point to the dizzying falloff in consumer spending as a result of stay-at-home orders, and they hint at the devastation that could persist.

Retailers shed a stunning 2.1 million jobs last month. Theaters, concert halls and the sports industry lost 217,000. The film and recording industries cut 216,500 jobs as production stopped. Over the past two months, nearly half the 12 million jobs at restaurants and bars have disappeared. Collectively, all this points to much less consumer spending and enormous uncertainty about whether or when it might recover.

Pay growth a false flag: In any typical jobs report, April's average pay gains would look fantastic: Average hourly earnings jumped 7.9% from a year ago. But average pay rose that much only because the lowest-paid workers lost their jobs and were excluded from the calculation.

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California takes steps to reopen public spaces

Associated Press

SEAL BEACH, Calif. — A beach bordering between two Southern California counties was to reopen Monday with some restrictions, as parts of California take baby steps toward reopening public spaces and businesses amid the coronavirus pandemic.

Seal Beach in northern Orange County allowed running, walking and surfing as of sunrise Monday. But next door, the sand in Long Beach will remain off-limits like the rest of the beaches along Los Angeles County.

They could reopen as early as Wednesday with restrictions designed to keep people from thronging the shore and possibly spreading COVID-19.

Los Angeles County permitted the reopening of some hiking spots and golf courses over the weekend, but with rules that people must stay 6 feet apart. The city of Los Angeles reopened some of its popular destinations, including sprawling Griffith Park, which includes popular paths to the Hollywood sign.

Mounted police and park rangers kept hikers to small, distant groups wearing face coverings. Mayor Eric Garcetti urged "good judgment" and said that the city would rely on education and encouragement rather than heavy-handed enforcement.

Alaska

JUNEAU, Alaska — An Alaska company is developing personal protective equipment with clear face shields to benefit people with hearing disabilities during the coronavirus pandemic.

Rapid Response PPE of Juneau developed masks with clear plastic areas so that people who are hard of hearing and rely on facial cues or lip reading can communicate effectively. The Juneau Empire reported.

The company produced a standard mask with a clear shield over the wearer's mouth, and another model with a clear shield over the whole face, Rapid Response founder Hal Daugherty said.

Rapid Response began focusing on masks for the hearing impaired after being contacted by Northland Audiology and Hearing Service in Juneau, which works with clients on hearing disorders and remedies.

Hawaii

HILO, Hawaii — Hawaii has significantly reduced its inmate population in response to the coronavirus pandemic. But offi-

cials were not immediately available to provide a list of inmates who were released under the state Supreme Court order.

As of last week, the statewide jail and prison population was down 832 inmates from March 2, The Hawaii Tribune-Herald reported Sunday.

The Hawaii Supreme Court ordered all jails and prisons within the state to reduce inmate populations to the facilities' design capacity.

The Hawaii Community Correctional Center in Hilo reduced its population by 165 inmates from the 395 who were incarcerated March 2, but the population was still 28 more than its design capacity of 206 inmates.

Louisiana

BATON ROUGE, La. — With his stay-at-home order set to expire at the end of the week, Gov. John Bel Edwards was expected to announce Monday if he'll lift restrictions designed to slow the spread of the coronavirus, and if so, which ones — a decision watched closely by businesses and employees across the state.

The current statewide stay-at-home order expires May 15. The governor has said that he's "hopeful" he will be able to announce that Louisiana will move into the first phase of reopenings as envisioned under the White House guidelines on May 16.

On Friday, he detailed steps that the state was taking to increase testing and the number of contact tracers — workers who contact people infected with the virus and track down people with whom they have been in close contact. Both are considered key to reopening.

Louisiana, and especially the New Orleans area, have been hard hit by the coronavirus pandemic, and at one time the governor was worried the state would run out of ventilators and ICU-bed capacity in a matter of days.

At the same time, the state's economy has been decimated by the business closures done to stop the disease's spread. More than 310,000 people have already qualified for unemployment benefits, according to the state labor department. And state economists warn the economic damage from the virus and the oil price decline will exceed Hurricane Katrina's financial hit.

Massachusetts

BOSTON — New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft donated one of his six Super Bowl



Jeff Chu/AP

Chris McDonnell, left, and his wife, Pamela, wear face masks while walking their dogs on a closed stretch of The Great Highway at Ocean Beach during the COVID-19 outbreak in San Francisco on Sunday.

championship rings to an auction that raises money to provide meals for those in need during the coronavirus pandemic.

Kraft said in a video that he has been inspired by medical workers caring for patients with the virus.

All of the money raised during the auction will go directly to Feeding America, Meals On Wheels, World Central Kitchen and No Kid Hungry.

The top bid for the ring as of Monday morning was \$330,000. Bids will be accepted for another 10 days.

North Dakota

BISMARCK — The North Dakota State Fair is the latest casualty of the continuing coronavirus outbreak.

Fair officials announced Monday that they're calling off the event because of uncertainty over the pandemic. The July gathering is the largest annual event in the state, typically attracting around 300,000 people each year to the fairgrounds in Minot.

Fair officials said that the decision was "in the best interest for all involved" due to concerns over health and safety.

Tickets had been on sale since March. People who purchased with a credit card will get a refund to their account.

North Dakota had more than 800 confirmed cases of the virus

through Sunday, with 35 deaths. More than half of the cases have been in Cass County.

New Mexico

GALLUP — A 105-year-old New Mexico woman who beat back the 1918 flu that killed millions, including her mother and infant sister, is battling COVID-19.

The Gallup Independent reported that Lubica "Luby" Grenko, who will turn 106 in August, has been fighting the coronavirus since being diagnosed April 29 at the Little Sisters of the Poor in Gallup, N.M.

The Gallup-born Grenko was born when World War I began, then she survived the 1918 flu before enduring the Great Depression and World War II.

The flu took the lives of her mother, Marijeta Kauzlaric, 28, and younger sister, Annie Kauzlaric, 1 month old.

New York

NEW YORK — New York is poised to launch its training plan for the huge corps of disease detectives it plans to deploy to track people who might have been exposed to the coronavirus.

The effort, seen as a key to keeping the outbreak from flaring again once it is under control, is likely to involve hiring several thousand people who have no background in public health.

And since getting huge groups of people together in one place for a contact-tracing boot camp is impossible, the training will be done through a 5- to 6-hour online course launched Monday.

When someone becomes newly infected with the virus, the tracers will be tasked with figuring out everyone who might have had contact with that person, reaching out to them, and advising them how to quarantine themselves until they know for certain they aren't sick, too.

Wisconsin

MILWAUKEE — Two free testing sites for the coronavirus opened Monday on the north and south sides of Milwaukee where National Guard troops are hoping to process as many as 500 people a day.

Guard members dressed in protective gear will be performing nasal swabs to those that walk or drive up.

The testing sites are at United Migrant Opportunity Services on the south and Midtown Center on the north.

The Journal Sentinel reported that a total of 175 Wisconsin National Guard members will be staffing the sites.

Test samples will be sent each day to Exact Sciences Laboratories in Madison. Individuals can call a phone bank center for test results three days later.

VIRUS OUTBREAK

Virus leads to hairstyle's revival in East Africa

By **DESMOND TIRO**
Associated Press

NAIROBI, Kenya — The coronavirus has revived a hairstyle in East Africa, one with braided spikes that echo the virus' distinctive shape.

The style's growing popularity is in part due to economic hardships linked to virus restrictions — it's cheap, mothers say — and to the goal of spreading awareness that the coronavirus is real.

The hairstyle had gone out of fashion in recent years, as imported real and synthetic hair from India, China and Brazil began to flood the market and demand by local women increased. Pictures of the flowing or braided imported styles are tacked up in beauty salons across much of Africa.

But now, in a makeshift salon beside a busy road in Kibera, a slum in the heart of the Kenyan capital, Nairobi, hairdresser Sharon Refa, 24, braids young girls' hair into the antennae-like spikes that people call the "coronavirus hairstyle." Girls shift in the plastic chairs as she tugs at their scalps.

"Some grown-ups don't believe that the coronavirus is real, but then most young children appear keen to sanitize their hands and wear masks," Refa said, her face

mask tucked under her chin. "So many adults do not do this, and that is why we came up with the corona hairstyle."

Kenya's number of confirmed cases was nearing 700 as of Monday. With the widespread shortage of testing materials, however, the real number could be higher. Health officials are especially worried about the possible spread of the virus in crowded slums.

Mothers like Margaret Andeya, who is struggling to make ends meet, said that the coronavirus hairstyle suits her daughters' styling needs and her pocket. Virus-related restrictions have stifled daily work for millions of people with little or no savings.

"This hairstyle is much more affordable for people like me who cannot afford to pay for the more expensive hairstyles out there, and yet we want our kids to look stylish," Andeya said.

It costs about 50 cents to get the braids, while the average hairdo costs \$3 to \$5. That's money most people in Kibera cannot afford at the moment.

The technique used in braiding the coronavirus hairstyle is threading, which uses yarn instead of synthetic hair braids. This is the secret to making it affordable, residents said.



BRIAN INGANGA/AP

Gettrueth Ambio, 12, center, Jane Mibone, 7, right, and Hamida Bashir, 3, have their hair styled in the shape of the new coronavirus at the Mama Brayo Beauty Salon in the Kibera slum, or informal settlement, of Nairobi, Kenya.

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This 2009 photo provided by the Biel family shows the late Kristen Biel at her graduation party with her husband, Darryl, and their two children, Dylan and Delaney.

Supreme Court hears case of Catholic schools, ex-teachers

By JESSICA GRESKO

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A case about the appropriate separation between church and state is taking center stage at the Supreme Court, which is hearing arguments by telephone for a second week because of the coronavirus pandemic.

The case involving two ex-Catholic school teachers and their former employers is one of two the court is tackling Monday. The three days of arguments last week might be considered something of a warm-up, a test of how telephone arguments would work and of making audio of arguments live for the first time.

The stakes are higher later this week when the cases include high-profile fights over President Donald Trump's financial records and whether presidential electors have to cast their Electoral Col-

lege ballots for the candidate who wins the popular vote in their state. Those cases will be heard Tuesday and Wednesday.

On Monday, the court was hearing a case involving Kristen Biel and Agnes Morrissey-Berru, both former fifth grade teachers at Catholic schools in California. Biel taught at St. James Catholic School in Torrance and Morrissey-Berru at Our Lady of Guadalupe in nearby Hermosa Beach. Morrissey-Berru's teaching contract wasn't renewed in 2015, when she was in her 60s, after she'd taught more than 15 years at the school. And Biel's contract wasn't renewed after she disclosed she had breast cancer and would need time off.

Both sued their former employers, with Morrissey-Berru alleging age discrimination and Biel alleging disability discrimination. A lower court said that both lawsuits could go forward, but

the schools have appealed and have the support of the Trump administration.

The question for the justices is whether the schools are exempt from being sued as a result of a unanimous 2012 Supreme Court decision that said the Constitution prevents ministers from suing their churches for employment discrimination.

The so-called ministerial exception "ensures that control over religious functions lies with the church, not the state, to the great benefit of both," the schools have told the court. The schools have argued that both women count as ministers, in part because they taught religion among other subjects. Lawyers for Morrissey-Berru and Biel disagree.

Biel died last year at age 54 after a five-year battle with breast cancer. Her husband has pursued the case in her place.

Nashville NAACP president says police dismissed 'bullseye' target found at home

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Nashville head of the NAACP said that a police officer who responded to his home after a bullet-like target appeared in his front yard dismissed his concerns.

Nashville NAACP President Keith Caldwell said in a Facebook post that he found the "bullseye" target on an easel-like holder on his front yard Saturday night. After Caldwell called the city's nonemergency police number to file a report, he said that the responding officer who arrived at his home was "flippant" about the matter.

After Caldwell told the officer that he was concerned the target was a threat to him and his family, Caldwell said the officer responded by saying that he thought the

target "was pretty cool."

"It felt like to me that he really, he didn't care," Caldwell told WKRN-TV. After speaking with the officer, Caldwell said he then he called the officer's supervisor.

"I know that it's an act of intimidation," Caldwell told The Tennessean.

"The fact is that I am a black man, I am outspoken, and I am the president of the NAACP," Caldwell said. "And I've said a lot of things that someone who wants to keep people oppressed don't like."

Metro Nashville Police Department said in a statement Sunday that the target was from a backyard archery and tomahawk play set designed for children.

They added that Caldwell is

also concerned the target might have been placed in his yard "due to a dispute a member of his family is having with another individual," the police statement said. The case is being investigated as an incident of intimidation.

Caldwell said that the police department has been taking the issue seriously after the responding officer declined to file a police report about the matter.

"I don't want to paint the entire police department as a reflection of this one officer," Caldwell told WKRN-TV.

The interaction between Caldwell and the responding officer is "under review," police said in their statement.

Caldwell has been the president of the Nashville NAACP since 2018.

Ga. seeks federal probe in handling of fatal shooting

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Georgia's attorney general on Sunday asked the U.S. Department of Justice to investigate the handling of the killing of Ahmaud Arbery, a black man who authorities said died at the hands of two white men as he ran through a neighborhood.

Arbery was shot and killed Feb. 23. No arrests were made until this month after national outrage over the case swelled when video surfaced that appeared to show the shooting.

"We are committed to a complete and transparent review of how the Ahmaud Arbery case was handled from the outset," Attorney General Chris Carr said in a statement. "The family, the community and the state of Georgia deserve answers, and we will work with others in law enforcement at the state and federal level to find those answers."

Attorneys for Arbery's mother and father applauded Carr for reaching out to federal officials.

"We have requested the involvement of the DOJ since we first took this case," attorneys S. Lee Merritt, Benjamin Crump and L. Chris Stewart said in a statement. "There are far too many questions about how this case was handled and why it took 74 days for two of the killers to be arrested and charged in Mr. Arbery's death."

Shortly after the video's leak, Gregory McMichael, 64, and his son, Travis McMichael, 34, were arrested and charged with murder and aggravated assault.

Arbery's mother, Thanda Cooper-Jones, has said she thinks her 25-year-old son, a former high school football player, was just jogging in the neighborhood before he was killed.

On Saturday, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation confirmed that it has obtained other photos of video that might shed light on the case. The Atlanta Journal-Constitution published footage from a surveillance camera at a Brunswick home near where Arbery was shot that shows someone who appears to be Arbery walking into a home under construction. Arbery then came back out and ran down the street. Someone else comes out across the street from the construction site, and then a vehicle drives off farther down the street, near where Travis McMichael lives.

Lawyers for Arbery's family said the video bolsters their position that Arbery did nothing wrong, and shows he did not commit a felony. Under Georgia law, someone who isn't a sworn police officer can arrest and detain another person only if a felony is committed in the presence of the arresting citizen.

Census stirs concern for those displaced by virus

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — It's not meant to be a trick question, but many filing out their 2020 U.S. census form struggle to answer: How many people were staying at your home on April 1?

The pandemic has fostered sudden, unexpected dislocation, making a typically easy question confusing for the newly displaced.

Some people living in coronavirus hot spots fled their homes or were hospitalized. Students living off-campus moved in with their parents once universities closed. Travelers got stuck far from home because of health concerns.

Frank Kunitz left St. Louis to visit her sister and brother-in-law in Fort Myers, Fla., in March. She was supposed to fly back on April 1, but mixed those plans. She has a weak immune system and asthma, and didn't want to risk catching the virus on a flight.

Census Bureau guidance puts her in St. Louis, so when she fills out her form, she'll have to ignore the part about where she was on April 1 — the date that determines where people are counted once a decade.

"I'm anxious to go home, but everyone tells me not to," Kunitz said recently from Florida.

The displacement is especially worrisome in New York City, which has been the epicenter of the nation's coronavirus outbreak.

It's leading to low response rates in wealthy enclaves of the Upper East Side and midtown Manhattan, where many residents have left for the Hamptons, Florida or elsewhere. Some believe they need the census ID number that was mailed to them to fill out the form online, but that's not necessary, said Julie Menin, director of NYC Census 2020.

NATION

Barr continues to undercut Mueller probe

By MATT ZAPOTOSKY
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — If William Barr had been the first attorney general in the Trump administration, the special counsel investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election would have met an early end, President Donald Trump said Friday.

"He would have stopped it immediately," Trump declared in an appearance on Fox News.

Now, legal observers say, the country's top law enforcement official seems to be giving his boss the next best thing: unwinding and discrediting the work done by special counsel Robert Mueller III.

Barr's attacks on Mueller's investigation reached a pinnacle Thursday, when he decided the Justice Department would ask a judge to erase the guilty plea of Michael Flynn and dismiss the case against the former national security adviser. Flynn was one of the first people to admit criminal wrongdoing and cooperate in Mueller's inquiry.

The attorney general's move, analysts say, is part of a pattern of his personally intervening in spe-

Former DOJ official says Barr 'twisted' her words

Bloomberg News

WASHINGTON — A former career Justice Department official said Attorney General William Barr misused her statements to justify the department's decision to drop the criminal case against Michael Flynn.

Mary B. McCord, the Justice Department official overseeing the early stages of the Russia investigation, said in a New York Times opinion piece that the motion to dismiss the charges relied heavily on her account of events leading to the FBI's interview of Flynn, President Donald Trump's first national security adviser, in January 2017.

Neither that account nor the circumstances surrounding the interview supports a dismissal of the case, McCord wrote. She said Barr came up with his own justification to drop the case after Flynn had twice pleaded guilty.

"The department concocts its materiality theory by arguing that the FBI should not have been investigating Mr. Flynn at the time they interviewed him," McCord wrote, adding that "the account of my interview in 2017 doesn't help the department support this conclusion, and it is disingenuous for the department to twist my words to suggest that it does."

The Justice Department didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.

cial counsel cases involving the president's allies, over the apparent objection of the career prosecutors assigned to the matters.

Barr has repeatedly turned to U.S. attorneys to conduct special inquiries on matters of interest to Trump, including to explore aspects of Mueller's work. In February, he intervened to reduce prosecutors' sentencing recommendation for Trump confidant Roger Stone after the president

tweeted about the case. Stone was charged with obstructing Congress in the final case brought by Mueller and was convicted in a trial last year.

"Clearly, it's a systematic undoing of the whole Mueller investigation, and it's thinly veiled," said Ryan Fahe, a former Justice Department counterespionage prosecutor now in private practice at Hughes Hubbard.

When Trump nominated Barr

to be attorney general, critics feared the president was trying to install someone who would protect him from the special counsel's findings.

A little more than a month into the new attorney general's tenure, the special counsel team reported Barr with a 448-page final review of its findings. Almost immediately, Barr found himself at odds with the special counsel's team.

Instead of immediately releasing the report or its executive summaries, Barr prepared a four-page letter describing Mueller's "principal conclusions." The letter described the case in such bare-bones terms that Mueller would later complain that Barr "did not fully capture the context, nature, and substance" of the special counsel's work.

This year, when Barr personally intervened in the Stone case, all four career prosecutors assigned to the matter withdrew, with one leaving the government entirely.

Legal analysts say Barr's move in the Flynn case seems to be yet another example of his doing the president's bidding.

"This is one more in a long line of examples of Bill Barr using the powers of the Justice Department not to advance justice, but to serve the political desires of Donald Trump," said Donald Ager, who was a deputy attorney general in the George H.W. Bush administration.

Through a representative, Mueller declined to comment.

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WORLD

Hong Kong police arrest over 200 protesters

Associated Press

HONG KONG — More than 200 people were arrested during anti-government protests in Hong Kong on Sunday night, police said, as authorities seek to prevent a revival of last year's massive demonstrations, including through the application of anti-social gathering regulations intended to contain the coronavirus outbreak.

Around 230 people between the ages of 12 and 65 were arrested on a range of charges, including unlawful assembly, "possessing anything with intent to destroy or damage property" and failure to produce proof of identity, police said in a statement.

Another 19 people were ticketed for having violated the Prevention and Control of Disease Regulation, which prohibits gatherings of more than eight people in any public space, the statement said. At one point, police used pepper rounds to disperse people who had surrounded officers, it said.

"Police condemn protesters for disregarding the Government's disease prevention and control measures, and participating in or organizing prohibited group gatherings," the statement said.

Protesters later chanted slogans and built barriers to block roads in Hong Kong's Mongkok district, and set fires on some streets, according to police.

The nighttime street action followed multiple protests at shopping malls earlier Sunday attended by hundreds, after permission for a Mother's Day protest march was denied. Pro-



VINCENT YU/AP

Police arrest anti-government protesters in Hong Kong, on Monday. A pro-democracy movement that paralyzed Hong Kong for months last year has shown signs of reviving in recent weeks as the coronavirus threat eases.

testers organized mainly through social media are demanding full democracy in the semi-autonomous Chinese territory and an investigation into alleged police brutality in suppressing the demonstrations.

Last year's protests were sparked by a now-abandoned extradition bill that would have allowed criminal suspects to be sent to mainland China to face

trial. China's judicial system is murkier than Hong Kong's and does not guarantee the same rights to the accused.

Hundreds of thousands of people marched through Hong Kong last year in repeated demonstrations that often ended in pitched battles, with hardcore protesters throwing gasoline bombs and police using tear gas and firing nonlethal but still powerful projectiles.

A former British colony, Hong Kong was handed over to Chinese rule in 1997 with a guarantee that it could retain its own legal, economic and social institutions for 50 years. Critics in the pro-democracy camp say Beijing has been steadily eroding those freedoms through tightened restrictions on assembly and freedom of speech, including proposed legislation to criminalize the disrespecting of China's national anthem.

UN: 3 peacekeepers killed, 4 hurt in Mali

UNITED NATIONS — The United Nations said three peacekeepers from Chad were killed and four others seriously injured Sunday in attacks against a U.N. convoy in northern Mali using improvised explosive devices.

U.N. spokesman Stephane Dujarric said Secretary-General Antonio Guterres condemned the attacks near Aguelhok in the Kidal region, which may constitute war crimes under international law.

The secretary-general calls on Malian authorities "to spare no effort in identifying the perpetrators of these attacks so that they can be brought to justice swiftly," Dujarric said.

Poland's presidential election to be set soon

WARSAW, Poland — Poland's top electoral body gave the speaker of parliament 14 days to set a new date for presidential elections that were to have been held Sunday but were suspended amid debate over how voting could be done during the novel coronavirus pandemic.

The election must be held within 60 days of this announcement, or by late July, according to the resolution by the State Electoral Commission. The conservative government had proposed an all-postal vote, but criticism of the plan and infighting complicated preparations and led to the postponement announced late Wednesday.

It was the first time in almost 31 years of Polish democracy that voting in line with the constitution, scheduled for Sunday, did not take place.

Indonesia decries abuse of men on Chinese boats

JAKARTA, Indonesia — Indonesia's government on Sunday condemned what it called the "inhuman" treatment of its nationals by a Chinese fishing company that allegedly kept Indonesian fishermen as virtual slaves, leading to the deaths of at least three of them.

Foreign Minister Retno Marsudi told a video conference from the capital, Jakarta, that 49 Indonesian fishermen, ranging from 19 to 24 years old, were forced to work an average of over 18 hours a day on at least four Chinese fishing boats.

Marsudi said some of the fishermen were either not paid at all or did not receive the amount they had agreed to. The tireless work and poor conditions on the ship caused illnesses among the crew members, killing at least three Indonesians, whose bodies were cast overboard into the Pacific Ocean, she said.

"We condemn the inhuman treatment against our crew members working at the Chinese fishing company," Marsudi said. "Based on the information from the crews, the company has violated human rights."

From The Associated Press

Iran: Ship had been putting targets out before missile hit it

FROM FRONT PAGE

Sunday's friendly fire incident struck the Iranian navy vessel Konarak near the port of Jask, some 790 miles southeast of Tehran in the Gulf of Oman, the Iranian army said in a statement. Iran's regular navy typically patrols those waters, while vessels from the paramilitary Revolutionary Guard usually patrol the Persian Gulf.

The Konarak, a Hendijan-class support ship taking part in the exercise, came too close to a target and the missile struck it, state TV said. Authorities did not identify the ship that fired the missile, though semiofficial media in Iran identified it as the Iranian destroyer Jamaran.

The Konarak had been putting targets out for other ships to target, state TV said.

Initially, officials said only one sailor had been killed. That number quickly changed to 19. A local hospital admitted 12 sailors and treated another three with slight wounds, the state-run IRNA news agency reported.

Iranian vessels towed the Konarak into a nearby naval base after the strike. A photograph released by the Iranian army



IRANIAN ARMY/AP

The Konarak support vessel, which was struck during an exercise Monday in the Gulf of Oman, is seen docked at a naval base in Iran.

showed burn marks and some damage to the vessel, though the military did not immediately offer detailed photographs of the site of the missile's impact.

Iranian king Mohammad Reza Shah Pahlavi had purchased the Dutch-made, 155-foot vessel just before being toppled by the 1979 Islamic Revolution. The Konarak

entered service in 1988 and was overhauled some 30 years later, making it able to launch sea and anti-ship missiles. Iran still relies on weaponry purchased under the shah due to international sanctions.

The boat typically carried a crew of 20 and authorities did not explain why it had 34 people on board at the time of the missile strike. The army identified those slain as both officers and enlisted men, including a combat diver.

It appeared the sailors may have been firing Noor anti-ship missiles during the exercise, said Reed Foster, a senior analyst at Jane's. He said a replacement for the vessel "will likely take years to come into service" and represented a blow to the navy as Iran already saw a destroyer sink in the Caspian Sea in January 2018. "Perhaps the greatest impact to the Iranian military and government is that this is the second high-profile incident in less than half a year where mistakes in missile targeting have resulted in significant loss of life," Reed said.

Reed added that the friendly fire incident "damages the credibility" of the Iranian military and government's claim that they

can develop sophisticated defense weapons despite international sanctions.

This likely will provide new fodder for the U.S., which has been campaigning to keep a United Nations arms embargo on Iran due to expire in November in place.

Iran regularly holds exercises in the Gulf of Oman, which is close to the Strait of Hormuz, the narrow mouth of the Persian Gulf through which 20% of the world's oil trade passes.

The U.S. Navy's 5th Fleet, which monitors the region, did not respond to a request for comment.

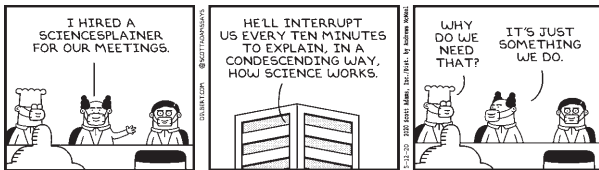
Tensions had been expected to rise, however, after Iran's government overcame the initial chaos that engulfed its response to the coronavirus pandemic. In April, the U.S. accused Iran of conducting "dangerous and harassing" maneuvers near American warships in the northern Persian Gulf. Iran also had been suspected of briefly seizing a Hong Kong-flagged oil tanker just before that.

"Potential exists for a limited direct conflict, even though neither side wants one," the Tel Aviv-based Institute for National Security Studies said.

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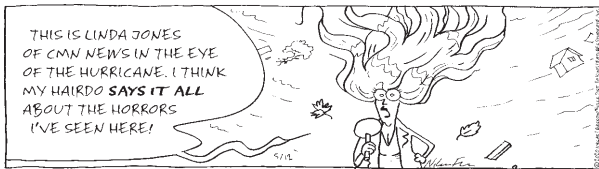
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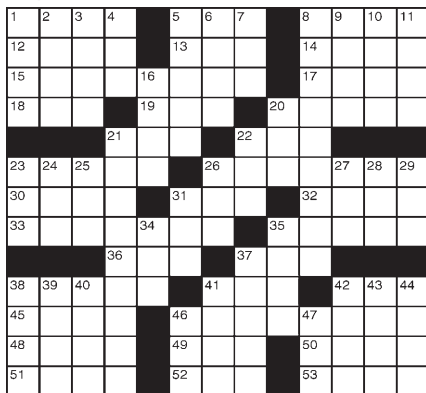
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- Approves
- Cabbage salads
- "Mayday!"
- Ripken of baseball
- "What's the —?"
- Unease
- "Downtown Abbey" countless
- ISP choice
- Elevator name
- Small songbird
- Ryan or Tatum
- Vinyl records
- ICU hookups
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- Madrid Mrs.
- Resort
- Seniors' org.
- Rascal
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- "Dig in!"
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- Trudge
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- Iowa city

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- Grade-school basics
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- Right angle
- Vichyssoise veggies
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- Green onions
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- Jazz combo instrument
- Like some potatoes
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- Cooper's channel
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Dog walker finds nails in hot dogs on lawns

RI NEWPORT — A dog walker found nails in cut-up pieces of hot dogs scattered across some lawns in Rhode Island, police said.

The dog walker found the bits of hot dogs on several lawns along one street in Newport, police said.

The Rhode Island Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is offering a \$1,000 reward for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the person responsible.

"Having investigated many cases like this in the past, I know offering a reward can often encourage someone to come forward with helpful information," Rhode Island SPCA President Joe Warzycha said in a news release.

2 arrested after chase reached 125 mph

NE AURORA — Two Lincoln men were arrested after a chase that reached 125 mph on Interstate 80, the Nebraska Highway Patrol said.

The pursuit began when a trooper stopped a speeding east-bound vehicle near Aurora. The car sped off when the trooper approached and the car reached 125 mph as it headed east, patrol spokesman Cody Thomas said.

A second trooper deployed stop strips near York and the car eventually stopped after hitting construction cones, a guard rail and the back of a semi-trailer truck, The Lincoln Journal-Star reported.

Thomas said troopers found about 22 pounds of marijuana and more than \$4,000 in cash in the car.

Shop manager recorded people in the bathroom

LA PLAQUEMINE — The operator of a Louisiana sno-ball stand was accused of recording people while they used the stand's bathroom for the past two years, authorities said.

Clinton Brooksmith, 31, was arrested and charged with 537 counts of video voyeurism, news outlets reported. Brooksmith is the operator of Zeke's Snowballs & Soft Serve Ice Cream shop.

Jennville Parish Sheriff Brett Stassi said a staff employee found the videos and photos on an iPad used to process credit card payments.

Stassi said Brooksmith placed a pin camera in the stand's bathroom, which was reserved for employees but also used by customers. Stassi said some of the images were also from private bathrooms.

City to shut 20 miles of streets to most vehicles

WA SEATTLE — Almost 20 miles of Seattle streets will permanently close to most vehicles by the end of May, Mayor Jenny Durkan said.

The streets had been closed temporarily to provide more space for people to walk and bike



WILL DICKEY, THE FLORIDA TIMES-UNION/AP

Salute to first responders

The U.S. Navy's Blue Angels fly over as Jacksonville, Fla., Beach Police Officer Thomas Harper and lifeguard Josh Mullis look on Friday in Jacksonville Beach. The flyover was a salute to first responders in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic.

Shop manager recorded people in the bathroom

at a safe distance during the coronavirus pandemic, The Seattle Times reported.

Now the closures will remain even after Gov. Jay Inslee's stay-at-home order is lifted.

Postal worker stole prescription drugs

NJ TRENTON — A letter carrier stole mail containing prescription drugs that had been sent out by the federal Department of Veterans Affairs, according to federal prosecutors.

Christopher Donohue, 60, of Middletown Township, was arrested following an investigation that began after several packages containing various medications were missing from the Belford Post Office in Middletown, where Donohue worked.

Donohue tried to steal a package that had been packed with inert pills inside a prescription bottle by agents investigating the thefts, prosecutors said.

Worker pepper-sprayed by armed robber

KS WICHITA — An employee of a payday loan business in Wichita is recovering after an armed robber doused the man with pepper spray.

Police said the crime happened

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The amount a Delaware pawn shop was fined for selling stolen goods. The Delaware attorney general's office announced the penalties against Gold Fever Pawn Shop in Middletown. The court judgments were obtained in the aftermath of a 2016 investigation dubbed

"Operation Golden Eye." Nearly two dozen people were arrested on theft and racketeering charges after authorities said the pawn shop enlisted shoplifters to steal items which would then be sold at the pawn shop.

at a Check N' Go business. The robber, wearing a scarf over his face, demanded that the 49-year-old worker open the cash drawer.

During the crime, police said, the employee suffered minor injuries after being doused in pepper spray. The robber got away with an undisclosed amount of cash and fled in a car.

Man uses upcycled tires to create unique art

IL CARY — A native of Cary is taking used tires and other discarded objects to create unconventional sculptures.

Tani Ojeda, who works full-time as a chemical operator for Huntsman in Ringwood said he came up with the idea about a year ago and has since been commissioned to make animal creations that include frogs, swans, a duck and an oversize crocodile.

"I feel like I'm helping the en-

vironment, because everyone is trying to find a way to get rid of these tires," Ojeda, 44, told the Daily Herald. "I feel like I'm helping the community, and I'm helping make somebody else's yard unique and different."

Despite people in Illinois being forced to quarantine because of the coronavirus pandemic, Ojeda noted that his tire art is still in demand.

Face mask rebel breaks window, steals panties

CT BROOKLYN — A man who had been kicked out of a McDonald's restaurant for having no face mask threw a rock through the window, stole some underwear from a Walmart and surrendered when police threatened to set a dog on him, authorities said.

Jason Daddario, 37, was charged with criminal mischief

and breach of peace, according to a police report.

Daddario was asked to leave the McDonald's in Brooklyn, for failing to comply with a statewide order to wear masks in businesses, the Hartford Courant reported.

Daddario threw the rock and then stole several pairs of "ladies underwear" from a nearby Walmart, according to the police report.

Rattlesnake bites up as weather heats up

AZ PHOENIX — More people in Arizona are being bit rattlesnakes as the weather heats up, and researchers are warning not just hikers but anyone who spends time outdoors to be on the lookout.

According to the Arizona Poison and Drug Information Center in Tucson and the Banner Poison and Drug Information Center in Phoenix, there have been 56 rattlesnake bites this year.

Most of those happened in April alone, which saw a huge spike in bites from the previous month.

The Arizona Poison and Drug Information Center said roughly 25% of rattlesnake bites happen to people gardening or doing yard work.

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Sounds like summer

Sister act Haim's new album due in time for warm weather

By MIKAEL WOOD
Los Angeles Times

The sisters of L.A.'s Haim had just gotten serious about promoting their new record when the world shut down.

On a trip to New York in March following its appearance at Florida's Okeechobee festival, the group performed the slinky-fuzzy "The Steps" on "The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon"; the next night, it kicked off what was to have been a tour of Jewish delis.

"Then everything just came to a complete stop," Danielle, 31, recalled. "It was so shocking."

Having just announced that the album, "Women in Music Pt. III," would come out April 24, the sisters decided to push its release to later in the year — one of numerous high-profile projects delayed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Now the band has a new, new plan: Haim has revealed that "Women in Music" — its third LP overall and the follow-up to 2017's "Something to Tell You" — will arrive June 26, just in time for the warm weather that Haim's shimmering pop-rock has always embodied.

"It feels like we've gotten into a little bit of the new normal with the quarantine," Danielle said in a joint call with Este, 34, and Alana, 28, each from her respective home. "And we really want it to be out for the summer."

Along with the announcement came a single, "I Know Alone" — in which Danielle sings, "Been a couple days since I've been out," over a skittering electronic groove — as well as a music video featuring some socially distanced choreography. Haim members talked further about their new single and life in quarantine.

Los Angeles Times: "I Know Alone" feels like a shelter-in-place anthem.

Alana: It's so crazy — we wrote it a year ago about coming home from tour, and now it has this completely different meaning. And when this quarantine is over, it'll take on another meaning.

Do you think of it as a happy song or a sad song? The words are heavy but the beat is light on its feet.

Danielle: That's a classic thing that we've always responded to in music. A lot of ABBA songs do that: (sings) "One of us is crying ..."

Alana: Everyone loves an emotional bop.

The dancing has a similar quality.

Alana: I think it has an eerie tone to it. We choreographed it with Francis, from Francis and the Lights, over Zoom, which was funny. Some of the moves are like the feeling of what it's like to go through quarantine — there's a dance move of swiping through your phone and putting your head on your fist and looking off into the distance.

Este: The sad scroll is a mood.

Alana: We obviously had crazier ambitions for the music video — way bigger, with more people. But I think what we

came out with was actually better than what we were originally envisioning. It was also fun to be creative in such a weird time.

Danielle: Leading up to the quarantine, the days were packed. We were working on the album up 'til the second we had to turn it in. And when we came back from doing Fallon, we were like, "What can we do?"

Alana: We were craving a homework assignment, and so we had this thing that we needed to do. It was kind of cool waking up in the morning and having this set call: "OK, we're gonna have dance practice at 3 o'clock every day." It took us out of our rut and gave us a sense of energy and brightness.

What's been the routine at home?

Alana: It's the most boring routine of all time. Wake up, make coffee, maybe I'll do a puzzle, maybe I'll try to attempt to do an online workout but probably give up halfway through because I'm insanely out of shape.

Este: I actually really like being alone. But there have been weird — like, I bought a back-scratcher because I don't have Danielle or Alana to scratch my back.

What this weekend felt like the arrival of summer in L.A. What did that make you miss?

Este: Dodger games.

Danielle: The beach.

Alana: See, we don't have pools.

Este: If any of our friends are reading this right now, you better believe I'll be hitting you up to use your pool when this is all over with.

Alana: We've decided when this is over that "No" isn't going to be in our vocabulary.

Haim band members, from left, Danielle, Este and Alana attend a Vanity Fair post-Oscar party Feb. 9. Haim has released a new single, "I Know Alone," and says its once-delayed album "Women in Music Pt. III" will be out June 26.

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OBITUARIES

R&B's Little Richard dies

The Associated Press

Little Richard, one of the chief architects of rock 'n' roll whose piercing wail, pounding piano and towering pompadour irrevocably altered popular music while introducing black R&B to white America, died May 9 after battling bone cancer. He was 87.

Bill Sobel, Little Richard's attorney for more than three decades, told the AP in an email that the musician died at a family home in Tullahoma, Tenn.

"He was not only an iconic and legendary musician, but he was also a kind, empathetic, and insightful human being," Sobel said.

Born Richard Penniman, Little Richard was one of rock 'n' roll's founding fathers who helped shatter the color line on the music charts, joining Chuck Berry and Fats Domino in bringing what was once called "race music" into the mainstream. Richard's hyperkinetic piano playing, coupled with his howling vocals and hairdo, made him an implausible sensation — a gay, black man celebrated across America during the conservative Eisenhower era. He sold more than 30 million records worldwide, and his influence on other musicians was equally staggering, from the Beatles and Otis Redding to Creedence Clearwater Revival and David Bowie.

It was 1956 when his classic "Tutti Frutti" landed like a hand grenade in the Top 40. It was highlighted by Richard's memorable call of "wop-bop-a-loo-bop-a-loo-bam-boom."

A string of hits followed, providing the foundation of rock music: "Lucille," "Keep A Knockin'," "Long Tall Sally," "Good Golly Miss Molly."

When the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame opened in 1986, he was among the charter members with Elvis Presley, Berry, Buddy Holly, Jerry Lee Lewis, Sam Cooke and others.

Comedian and 'Seinfeld' actor Jerry Stiller dies

Jerry Stiller, who for decades teamed with wife Anne Mearns in a beloved comedy duo and then reached new heights in his senior years as the high-strung Frank Costanza on the classic sitcom "Seinfeld" and the basement-dwelling father-in-law on "The King of Queens," died at 92, his son Ben Stiller announced Monday.

Jerry Stiller was a multitabled performer who appeared in an assortment of movies, playing Walter Matthau's police sidekick in the thriller "The Taking of Pelham One Two Three" and Divine's husband Wilbur Turnblad in John Waters' twisted comedy "Hairspray."

He also wrote an autobiography, "Married to Laughter," about his 50-plus-year marriage to comedic cohort Mearns, who died in



Little Richard, in 1966

'The King Of Rock and Roll. Zero Questions. Journalists Do Your Job. Not ARCHITECT nor PIONEER, not HITMAKER. This man was literally the BLUEPRINT of all the world took from. LITTLE RICHARD is the TRUE KING. LONG LIVE THE KING.'

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'From "Tutti Frutti" to "Long Tall Sally" to "Good Golly Miss Molly" to "Lucille," Little Richard came screaming into my life when I was a teenager. I owe a lot of what I do to Little Richard and his style; and he knew it. He would say, "I taught Paul everything he knows." I had to admit he was right.'

Paul McCartney

2015. And his myriad television spots included everything from "Murder She Wrote" to "Law & Order" — along with 36 appearances alongside Mearns on "The Ed Sullivan Show."

Stiller, although a supporting player on "Seinfeld," created some of the Emmy-winning show's most enduring moments: co-creator and model for the "bro," a brassiere for men; a Korean War cook who inflicted food poisoning on his entire unit; an ever-simmering salesman on a statement explosive temper with the shouted mantra, "Serenity now!"

Roy Horn dies of virus

Roy Horn of Siegfried & Roy, the duo whose extraordinary magic tricks astonished millions until Horn was critically injured in 2003 by one of the act's famed white tigers, has died. He was 75.

Horn died May 8 of complications from the coronavirus in a Las Vegas hospital, according to a statement released by publicist Dave Kirvin.



Stiller, in 2007

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OPINION

Virus helps us see China for what it is

By KATHLEEN PARKER
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Thanks to a tendency to project our own values onto other countries, many Americans mistakenly assumed that China would become more like us as it embraced a free market. This assumption has guided U.S. policy through several administrations, despite growing evidence that China never had any such intention. Nothing says "reality check" like a deadly pandemic, a national quarantine, a collapsing global economy and little or no cooperation from the country where the virus got its start.

The new coronavirus has helped us and our international partners to finally see the communist nation's malign intentions. Though the virus originated in China, the government there denied American officials access to essential health data or to reveal Patient Zero. It has yet to provide a live virus sample or allow outside investigators in China, and also underplayed its infection and death rates, thus skewing data and handicapping researchers trying to solve the mystery of COVID-19.

As with any unhealthy relationship, it's worth considering our role in getting here. Ever since President Richard Nixon opened relations with China nearly 50 years ago, we've wanted engagement even at the expense of American values. We've not been demanding enough on human rights, starting with the 1989 Tiananmen Square massacre. We downgraded our relationship with our long-time friend, Taiwan, on the condition that the "Taiwan question" would be resolved peacefully to normalize relations with Beijing. And, we minded our own business during China's

one-child policy, which led to forced abortions and 30 million bachelors.

Meanwhile, as opponents of a sort, we've allowed China to become an economic and military superpower while we fattened ourselves on cheap imports, washed down with the elixir of naive faith in the irresistible allure of democratic principles. Perhaps, young nations like ours shouldn't presume to out-nominate 4,000-year-old cultures through flirtation and flattery.

By now, even Donald Trump's critics may be willing to concede that he was right on this one. If he was elected partly to end China's unfair trade practices, his reelection could depend on how successfully he navigates the China-Pandemic Problem.

There is little doubt that the White House has been depicting anti-China rhetoric lately, seeking to blame China for the coronavirus as a key piece of its re-election strategy. It's a fact, nevertheless, that China has a record of releasing viruses upon the rest of us, including H1N1 and SARS. As a strategic response, the Trump administration may be gearing up for a broader anti-China campaign in coming weeks and months.

But this new strategy doesn't seem to be so much about the administration changing course; it is about changing how the rest of us regard the Middle Kingdom. A top administration official with whom I recently spoke said this attitude reset will require both a re-education of the public, which sounds slightly Chinese-ish, and a mindset shift at universities and corporations, many of which are deeply invested in China and, therefore, in the success of the Communist Party. Some universities, for example, are heavily dependent upon Chinese students who pay full tuition. Many

schools don't realize, the official said, that they're helping the communist party.

At the same time, the Chinese government exerts outside influence on American financial institutions because of its control of capital flows throughout the world. In a speech last October before the Hudson Institute, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo mentioned conversations he has had with American business leaders, who, heavily invested in China, were "forced to comply with China's terms."

In the Trump administration's views, American firms are being forced to choose between profits and human rights. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, who has steadfastly championed democracy and human rights in China since Tiananmen, understands this, the official suggested. "We can't have different standards for them."

The official suggested the U.S. would be taking other diplomatic steps soon to keep a closer eye on Beijing. I don't doubt it. But I asked the official whether this supposedly new American resistance to China's authoritarian methods, at least, proved an unwanted response. The official cautioned that Washington did not want a confrontation with Beijing. He said this in a number of different ways: "We aren't backing China against the wall ... we do not consider China an adversary but rather a competitor ... we prefer engagement ... It's not about blame but about prudence." He seemed to think the Chinese would match prudence with prudence, saying, "When China is challenged, it backs down immediately."

Whether that's so, we're likely to find out. But such thinking does remind one of exactly the sort of they'll-think-like-us thinking that got us into trouble in the first place.

World war factors into pandemic comparisons

By JIM HARRIS

Special to The Washington Post

Scientists and scholars have spent the last few months scouring the past for precedents to offer suggestions for how to safely and successfully respond to the COVID-19 crisis. The result has been almost daily references to the global influenza pandemic of 1918-1919, with its massive ramifications across the globe, including in the United States. While we can draw many useful lessons from the 1918-1919 experience in terms of how to minimize cases, we must be cautious about an imperfect analogy.

During the 1918-1919 pandemic, upward of 500 million people were infected (about 30% of the global population), and conservative estimates count 50 million deaths. While our data on the number of cases and deaths from COVID-19 are very likely too low because of continued limited testing, it is still unlikely that we will reach such catastrophic levels of loss today.

Why? Because unlike the influenza pandemic a century ago, the virus is not at war.

The first cases of the 1918 flu pandemic most probably occurred in early March 1918 at Camp Funston, Kan., where 54,000 U.S. soldiers were gathered for basic training before their deployment to Europe. Within the month, 1,100 of these soldiers were admitted to the hospital with influenza. The pandemic then followed the movement of these and many other soldiers around the globe as the Allies rushed to deploy American troops to Europe to stop the last German offensive in the spring of 1918. While the number of soldiers who contracted an "offseason" summer flu was considerable, most patients recovered quickly, leading doctors to describe this as

a "three-day fever" worthy of little cause for concern amid the ongoing war.

In late August, however, the flu came back, beginning its far more deadly second wave almost simultaneously in Brest, France (Aug. 22); Freetown, Sierra Leone (Aug. 24); and Boston (Aug. 27) — all major military port cities. The Great War kept soldiers in close, infectious quarters and constant movement around the globe, carrying the pandemic with them.

Hospitals were overwhelmed and operating with very limited medical personnel thanks to the many deployed in the military medical services. The remaining civilian doctors and nurses could not keep pace with the volume of influenza patients.

Pulmonary complications appeared more frequently, contributing to a mortality rate 25 times as high as during a normal influenza outbreak. Influenza fatalities peaked in November 1918 just as the war was coming to its end — and this timing had major ramifications for the outbreak.

The war shaped public health responses, which varied nationally and even regionally. Sir Arthur Newsholme, the foremost public health expert in Britain, told Britons to simply "carry on." A quarantine, the only tried and true method to contain past flu pandemics, would have been too detrimental to the war economy. The war necessitated tremendous domestic efforts to keep soldiers healthy and ready for battle, supplying those soldiers on the front lines. "Social distancing" was impossible to properly enact while fighting a world war.

In Britain, therefore, large public gatherings were not banned until late November, as the pandemic was already peaking. The U.S. was more proactive in enacting some social distancing measures, beginning in September, but these varied by region.

Cities that were proactive in introducing social distancing measures, such as New York, where quarantine measures were implemented before "the surge" in influenza deaths, kept their death rates (452 per 100,000) low. Here, too, however, the war played a role in what happened. A parade on Sept. 28 to boost morale and funds for the war attended by 200,000 citizens in Philadelphia left the city with the unenviable record of one of the highest death tolls among U.S. cities (748 per 100,000).

Like influenza in 1918, COVID-19 has spread across the globe, with disastrous consequences. As of May 10, more than 4.07 million people worldwide have been infected and 281,287 have died. However, in 2020, we are luckily not emerging from a world war. Freedom from war has better positioned our medical system to fight the pandemic, allowing it to fully direct resources and manpower toward fighting COVID-19 instead of returning wounded or diseased soldiers to the battlefield. This has enabled governments to be swift and aggressive in their public health response. Their action has spawned a commitment to social distancing and mask-wearing.

Using the 1918 flu pandemic to inform our response to COVID-19 is only wise. It provides a template — overwhelming medical resources and aggressive actions — for what works to combat a dangerous and highly contagious virus like the coronavirus plaguing us now. But for the analogy to be effective, we must account for the war that made the 1918 flu so deadly. Only by doing so can we properly calibrate our response today.

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UK government seeks June return for Premier League

Associated Press

LONDON — The path to the Premier League resuming was eased Monday by the government saying elite sports will be allowed to resume in England in June if there is no new spike in coronavirus infections.

While spectators will not be allowed into stadiums for some time, the British government embracing the return of professional sports stands in contrast to rulings by French and Dutch authorities who have banned any events until September.

The announcement from Boris Johnson's administration came as Premier League clubs held a conference call about the logistics involved in restarting the competition amid divisions over a plan to use neutral venues for all games. When the league was halted two months ago, Liverpool was 25 points ahead with nine games left.

Now the national lockdown that

was imposed in March and led to the shutdown of sports is starting to be lifted by British Prime Minister Boris Johnson.

Step two of the government roadmap for easing the lockdown restrictions includes "permitting cultural and sporting events to take place behind closed-doors for broadcast, while avoiding the risk of large-scale social contact."

"To aid planning," the document added, "the government's current aim is that the second step will be made no earlier than Monday 1 June, subject to these conditions being satisfied. ... Organizations should prepare."

The Premier League and other sports organizers will now be waiting to hear when the government will allow the resumption of group training by athletes, even as social distancing regulations are maintained in wider society.

The challenge containing the coronavirus without a vaccine will mean sports will be staged without fans.



GARETH FULLER/AP

Brighton's club crest on the side of the AMEX Stadium, home to Brighton & Hove Albion, Brighton, England. On Monday, the British government laid out a plan for restarting the league.

AHL determines remainder of season, playoffs canceled

BY STEPHEN WHYNO

Associated Press

The American Hockey League canceled the rest of its season Monday because of the coronavirus pandemic and shifted its focus toward returning next season.

President and CEO David Andrews announced the league "has determined that the resumption and completion of the 2019-20 season is not feasible in light of current conditions." The AHL's Board of Governors made that determination in a conference call Friday.

The 84th season for the NHL's top minor league was suspended March 12 with 209 games remaining. That was the same day the NHL stopped play, though it still hopes to resume and could have many AHL players as part of expanded rosters.

"We are very grateful to the

National Hockey League and its teams for their support and leadership in navigating through the challenges faced over the past two months," Andrews said. "The AHL continues to place paramount importance on the health and safety of our players, officials, staff and fans and all of their families, and we all look forward to returning to our arenas in 2020-21."

While the Calder Cup will not be handed out for the first time since 1936, the 31-team AHL hopes to return next season. That remains uncertain, with the possibility of no fans allowed in arenas.

Professional Hockey Players Association executive director Larry Landon recently said he's concerned about the ability of the AHL and ECHL — which canceled the rest of its season in March — returning if it's not safe for fans.



JOHN RAOUX/AP

A worker sprays sanitizer in the octagon between bouts during a UFC 249 mixed martial arts competition Saturday in Jacksonville, Fla.

Drawing up a battle plan

UFC's return to octagon provides blueprint for other pro leagues

BY MARK LONG

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — UFC President Dana White wanted a major fight card weeks ago. He was confident his team could pull it off whether it took place on a tribal land, on a private island or in any of the 10 states offering to host it.

Coronavirus testing. Fan-free arena. Social distancing. Self-isolation. White looked at all those unprecedented details that seemed too complex and too risky to some outsiders as merely extra challenges.

"I knew we could do this," he said following UFC 249 on Saturday night. "I knew we could figure it out. Even with all the hurdles that we had early on, this has been fun. It's been challenging and it's been fun."

"I know that sounds a little demeaned to say I've had fun going through this. It's been challenging and I've enjoyed the whole game of it, if you will."

White and the UFC look like the big winners following their rousing show at Veterans Memorial Arena in Jacksonville, an event that could serve as a blueprint for other sports leagues around the country and the world as they start to resume during a global pandemic.

The NFL, NBA, NHL, Major League Baseball and NASCAR, all had to have an eye on how the UFC approached and handled the first major human-centric sporting event in the U.S. since the new coronavirus shuttered much of the country nearly two months ago. The UFC created a 25-page

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Dana White

UFC president

document to address health and safety protocols, which included disinfecting the octagon between bouts and mandating tests and masks for nearly everyone in attendance.

The spotlight only intensified when one fighter, Jacare Souza, and two of his cornermen tested positive for COVID-19 a day before the stacked card.

Souza was pulled from the fight and removed from the hotel where hundreds of UFC employees are staying. The UFC's medical team continues to provide assistance and is helping with necessary treatment, White said.

The UFC has two more fight nights scheduled this week in Jacksonville, beginning Wednesday, and plans to administer more than 1,000 more coronavirus tests for everyone scheduled to take part.

"However it was handled this week, this was our first week," White said. "It will only get better. And we can share what we learned here doing three events with other sports leagues who are reaching out to us and asking."

"A lot can be learned by what we're doing here. Not just for professional sports but for sending people back to work and lot of other things in life."

White said he never considered postponing UFC 249 following Souza's positive test and got support from the Florida Athletic Commission, the governor and local authorities.

The show went on and, by most accounts, got rave reviews.

About the only negative was the empty arena, where punches, kicks, grunts, steps, trash talk, corner coaching and TV commentary echoed off metal beams and vacant seats.

"It was weird," White conceded. "There's so many things that you love about live sports, whether you're home, in a bar or there live. One of the big, key components to live sports are the group of people that you're with and the energy that you get when cool things happen."

"Tonight was an amazing event, but that was definitely missing to-night, these moments. It's all part of what makes this so great."

Finding a way to recreate those missing moments could be the next challenge, one White surely would welcome as long as the show goes on.

"We're still figuring this whole thing out," he said. "This was the first one. It was a success. Wednesday will be better. Saturday will be better than that."

BASEBALL

Few MLB employees test positive for virus antibodies

By RONALD BLUM
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Just 0.7% of Major League Baseball employees tested positive for antibodies to COVID-19, the illness caused by the new coronavirus.

The small number of positive tests, announced Sunday, was positive news for a sport pushing ahead with plans to start its delayed season.

Researchers received 6,237 completed surveys from employees of 26 clubs. That led to 5,754 samples obtained in the U.S. on April 14 and 15 and 5,603 records that were used. The survey kit had a 0.5% false positive rate.

Dr. Raj Bhattacharya of Stanford, one of the study's leaders, said the prevalence of the antibodies among MLB employees was lower than for the general population during testing in New York, Los Angeles, the San Francisco area and Miami.

"I was expecting a little bit of a higher number," Bhattacharya said during a telephone news conference. "The set of people in the MLB employee population that we tested in some sense have been less affected by the COVID epidemic than their surrounding communities."

Data for players was not separated in the study, and some MLB family members were included.

Spring training was stopped March 12 and opening day was pushed back from March 26 because of the pandemic. MLB intends to give the players' association a presentation this week for a possible start to the season, and has said frequent testing would be necessary.

Antibodies are produced by a person's immune system if they have been infected by a virus. These tests are different than



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Tampa Bay Rays catcher Mike Zunino slides to pick up a wild pitch last September. Making it safe for America's professional sports teams to start playing games is one thing. Making sure athletes are in game shape is another. Athletes in the NBA, NHL and Major League Baseball all indicate that a few weeks of training would be necessary before any return to competition can occur.

the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests used to detect active infection.

"By using two different technologies, both PCR to diminish the active virus, as well as the antibody, the serology tests, that will give you better information and may even be able to alleviate some of the concerns with false positives," said Daniel Eichner of the Sports Medicine Research and Testing Laboratory in Salt Lake City, one of the study leaders.

"So I would definitely advocate if anyone was going to put a program together to get their sport of their work back, is to utilize both different technologies," he said.

The University of Southern California also participated in the study.

Bhattacharya said MLB employees are younger than the overall population and took protective measures such as frequent hand washing when they reported to spring training in February, earlier than

most people.

No MLB employees have been known to have died from COVID-19.

While the percentage of Los Angeles Angels employees with positive tests was the highest among teams, the error margin is too high to draw results because just 123 tests were included from the team.

Bhattacharya called the results "both good and bad news" because they showed the virus has not spread widely in MLB but still has many baseballers left to target. Eichner said results could mean MLB employees had been diligent in use of personal protective equipment, such as masks.

"If this population was social isolating and practicing good PPE, then it shows that that worked and it didn't get the spread in there," Eichner said. "And then the flip side of that is that means it's worked well, then they keep doing it."

Sixty people tested positive in the raw data, and the figured was adjusted to about 42 to account for false positives and false negatives.

More than 95% of the participants were under 65 and few reported comorbidities, according to Stanford medical student Bianca Mulaney, who authored the study.

The Chicago Cubs, Cincinnati, Colorado and Miami did not participate, Bhattacharya said. A pre-print server will publish the study this week, and it will be sent to a journal for peer review.

Test kits were provided by the Partnership for Clean Competition, which funds anti-doping research, and researchers worked for free.

Mulaney said the prevalence of positive tests for antibodies was higher in areas that have been hit by the virus, such as New York, and lower in less-impacted areas, such as Ohio.



MADY SALVANI, ARMY WEST POINT ATHLETICS/AP

Drafted last year on a late round by the Seattle Mariners, Army's Jacob Hurtubise is hopeful of taking advantage of a new regulation that allows cadets at Army, Navy and Air Force to delay their military obligation upon graduation to pursue professional sports careers.

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company at West Point. He's just the 14th player in academy history to be picked in the MLB draft, selected in the 39th round last year by the Seattle Mariners.

Pitcher Chris Rowley is the only Army player to reach the major leagues, making his debut in 2017 for the Toronto Blue Jays.

"You want every player to have that dream of playing as long as they possibly can," Army baseball coach Jim Foster said. "Guys come here for a lot of different reasons. There's a bigger picture. They want to have a great option A and a great option B. I think this place provides that. Jacob shows that it can be done."

Hurtubise got off to a rocky start at West Point. He broke his hand as a freshman and played the entire year with the injury, batting just .238 in 49 games.

"He didn't really hit much, but he showed the kind of toughness you just don't see, played every day, played great defense," Foster said. "Year two he really took off. He got more confidence and got more aggressive and then his junior season he got even better."

Did he ever.

The speedy, 6-foot, 190-pound, lefty-hitting Hurtubise batted .375 in 2019 as Army's leadoff hitter and set academy single-season records for runs (71), walks (69, third in the nation) and steals (45), and was second in Division I in on-base percentage (.541).

He also earned defensive player of the year honors in the Patriot League and led the Black Knights to their second straight league tournament title.

In the championship game last May against archrival Navy, Hurtubise reached base five times, going 2-for-2 with three walks, stole a base and scored twice in a 4-3 win. He was named tournament MVP after batting .522 and scoring eight runs in six games.

"The ways that he impacts the game are incredible," Navy coach Paul Kostacopoulos said. "He's as explosive of a runner as you're going to see in college baseball, and he can make some plays in the outfield. In my opinion, those two tools match up very well on the next level."

That season and playing for the United States Military Academy got the attention of the Mariners.

"The caliber of person that he is — Jacob is a pretty remarkable kid — and what he's gone through being at a military institution is pretty incredible," Mariners scout Dave Pepe said. "Those things being considered were really impressive resume points for him."

Hurtubise added another nugget to his resume last summer. He played in the Cape Cod League, one of the premier summer college circuits in the nation, and hit .319 (.233-for-.72) in a league where the overall batting average was .250.

He did that, too, after completing three weeks of military training.

"Before my first game, I had just come out of the woods," Hurtubise said with a laugh. "But I had a pretty good summer."

The 22-year-old Hurtubise was named 2020 Patriot League pre-season player of the year. Then he pulled a hamstring prior to the opener and started only five times before the pandemic ended the season.

"It was crazy how everything went down. I was just trying to get back," said Hurtubise, who finished his Army career with a .301 average and is the all-time leader — at Army and in the Patriot League — in stolen bases (105 with 22 caught stealing) and walks (142).

The date of the MLB draft and its format remain undecided as Hurtubise tries to stay in shape back at home in Zionsville, Ind., before he graduates in June.

"My goal and my dream is to get drafted again," Hurtubise said. "I'm still getting contact from scouts just checking up on my health and whether baseball is my career path."

"All the scouts are obviously aware of the unique circumstances that I'm in. They want to make sure baseball is what I want to do. That is what I want to do, but it's kind of out of my control at this point," he said.

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Above: Maryland running back Anthony McFarland runs a drill at the NFL football scouting combine in Indianapolis. Below: The Steelers rookie, shown at the combine, is doing Zoom meetings with coaches then heading outside to see if he's lining up in the right spots.

Steelers' rookies learning playbook, ropes from afar

By WILL GRAVES
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — This isn't quite the way Anthony McFarland expected his NFL career to begin. Then again, the rookie running back knows he's not the only one whose first taste of the pros is coming via conference calls with members of the coaching staff followed by self-administered tests in a nearby park to see how quickly he's absorbing the playbook.

Pittsburgh's fourth-round draft pick is doing what he can to keep up during the first — and the NFL hopes only — “virtual” off-season amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Sure, he'd rather be at the Steelers' practice facility with the rest of the newcomers. That's not possible right now with much of the country under some sort of restriction or social-distancing guidelines. So McFarland is on his own, mimicking the intricacies of Pittsburgh's running game against phantoms in an open field.

“It's all up to you if you're behind,” McFarland said. “At the end of the day, we're doing installs. Being in the NFL, they're going to expect you to come in and know the plays, know where you're lining up.”

It's the most McFarland can do. And in a way, the least, too. The league — and everyone else for that matter — is in uncharted territory when it comes to finding ways to make it work. While coach Mike Tomlin and the Steelers are doing what they can to make sure their young players are getting everything they need to hit the ground running whenever they return to training as a team, they're also not going to



babysit the newbies either.

“Coach Tomlin kept preaching we're not going to hold your hand through this,” said wide receiver Chase Claypool, the team's second-round pick.

Leaving it up to the players to figure it out for themselves, an “honorsystem” as defensive tackle Carlos Davis put it. At least Davis can work out with twin brother Khalil. The two were taken one round apart in the draft, Khalil in the sixth round to Tampa Bay, Carlos in the seventh to Pittsburgh. They've given each other a wide berth with their laptops during the day, Khalil typically in the kitchen, Carlos elsewhere. Carlos spent five hours in various meetings on Friday, and then prepared for a training session that relied heavily on rope work.

Carlos Davis is aware it's an uphill climb for most seventh-round choices to make the final roster, a task that could be made more difficult because he has no idea when he'll be able to get in front of Tomlin to show him what he can do.

“There's a little uncertainty

there because this is just a different draft class because we're not (allowed) to be there,” Davis said. “But I'm really just focused on learning the playbook and when we do get to be there, just going to work.”

Tomlin isn't overly concerned about the rookies facing a particularly steep learning curve. While allowing the team has modified the amount of information it has heaped upon the players, he points out that's not uncommon regardless of the given year. This weekend typically isn't so much about figuring out who can do what but making sure the prospects are getting what they need to succeed whenever training camp starts.

“There's very little evaluation per se in these circumstances and that would be the same even if we were working together,” Tomlin said. “The only thing we're evaluating is how they learn ... it's done to effectively teach them and use all the tools at our disposal.”

While the pandemic has added a layer of unanticipated complexity, Tomlin points out that all 32 teams are facing the same issue, not just the Steelers. The incoming group has nothing to compare it to, so in a way, it doesn't really know what it's missing.

Rookie safety Antoine Brooks, a sixth-round choice, may face a daunting a task as any. He's expected to bounce between the secondary, linebacker and special teams. It's a lot to ask during a normal offseason, let alone one like this. Not that he's complaining.

“I think it's just a matter of how much you can soak in from the coaches,” Brooks said. “How much can your brain absorb? It's a lot of information from coaches and can you (retain) it?”

Suit pushes Zion to admit receiving improper benefits

By STEVE WISEMAN

The (Raleigh, N.C.) News & Observer

The legal battle between Zion Williamson and his former agent in a Florida court includes allegations he received impermissible benefits prior to his one season playing basketball at Duke.

According to court documents filed Wednesday in Miami, Gina Ford of Prime Sports Marketing claims, without presenting evidence, that Williamson and his parents “demanded and received” gifts, money and/or other benefits from persons on behalf of Duke University (directly and/or indirectly) to influence you to attend Duke University to play basketball.”

Ford's claims are included in several requests for admission, a discovery tool in civil cases used to establish facts under oath. Williamson has 30 days to respond.

Ford's request also includes allegations that the Williamsens were paid by Nike and Adidas before he enrolled at Duke, and that, between Jan. 1, 2014 and April 14, 2019, he, his family or someone representing him received benefits from an agent in violation of NCAA rules.

Ford signed Williamson to a marketing deal on April 20, 2019, after he had declared for the NBA Draft. He was selected No. 1 overall by the New Orleans Pelicans two months later.

When Williamson backed out of the agreement with Prime Sports in May to sign with Creative Artists Agency (CAA), Ford claimed he owed her \$100 million for breaking the contract. The court documents show her claims that she had lined up marketing deals with PUMA, General Mills (Wheats), Beats by Dre and Chase Bank, among other companies.

Williamson sued Ford in federal court in Greensboro, N.C., claiming the contract was void because Ford violated North Carolina's Uniform Athlete Agent Act numerous ways, mainly because she is not a registered agent in the state.

Ford countersued Williamson and CAA in a Florida court.

Duke issued a statement in response to the situation.

“As soon as Duke was made aware of any allegation that might have affected Zion Williamson's eligibility, we conducted a thorough and objective investigation which was directed by individuals outside the athletics department,” Michael Schoenfeld, Duke University Vice President for Public Affairs and Government Relations, said in the statement. “We found no evidence to sup-



ALEX BRANDON/AP

Zion Williamson, shown in his one season at Duke, received impermissible benefits to attend Duke, his former agent alleged in court documents.

port any allegation. Zion thrived as both a student and an athlete at Duke, and always conducted himself with integrity and purpose.”

In that same Florida court, in a separate lawsuit, a Louisiana man who claims he's close to Williamson and his family seeks payment from Ford and Prime Sports because he helped broker the deal to land Williamson during his time at Duke.

Cedriquez Johnson of Ouachita Parish, La., says Prime Sports owes him 5% of the proceeds it receives for its deals with Williamson.

In his lawsuit, Johnson claims to be a former college basketball player with “significant contacts in the basketball industry who established a friendship with Williamson and his family” when Williamson was a high school junior at Spartanburg Day School in South Carolina.

Johnson said he attended Williamson's high school and summer-league games as well as games during his Duke career.

He said he met Ford in November 2018, the same month Williamson's regular-season Duke career began. They discussed how to facilitate a relationship with Williamson and his family while adhering to NCAA rules.

Ford initially agreed to pay Johnson 8% commission before the two sides settled on 5% in January 2019.

That's the same month, Johnson said in the court documents, Ford and Johnson met with Williamson's mother, Sharronda Sampson, and his step-father, Lee Anderson, about possibly representing Williamson once he turned professional.

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Zion put on the spot

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Swinging for the fences

Hurtubise hopes to be 2nd West Point graduate in history to reach big leagues

BY JOHN KEKIS
Associated Press

Army outfielder Jacob Hurtubise chose West Point primarily for its academics, and playing professional baseball wasn't on his radar after struggling through an injury-plagued freshman season.

It is now, even though the coronavirus pandemic has cut short a chance to improve his chances. Hurtubise is hopeful of taking advantage of a new regulation that allows cadet-athletes at Army, Navy and Air Force to delay their military obligation upon graduation to pursue pro sports careers.

"I think that having the opportunity and the option to be able to go and play professional athletics immediately upon graduation is huge,"

Hurtubise said.

Next step: batting helmet or battle helmet?

Hurtubise, whose postgraduate service will be in air defense artillery, already is in select

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Army OF Jacob Hurtubise chose to attend West Point primarily for its academics, but his skills on the baseball diamond opened an unexpected door.

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